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# ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF MAY, 1874,

## ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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The General Assembly, at its sessions in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, appointed the following Standing Committee on the Board of Publication, viz :

*Ministers*—James O. Murray, D.D., J. Ambrose Wight, Robert Aikman, Bernard W. Slagle, Andrew M. Miller, Hanford A. Edson, Thomas D. Wallace, Washington M. Grimes.

*Elders*—Walter C. Lauderdale, M.D., E. Hall Richardson, M.D., George S. Fullerton, James G. May, John Lambert, Jacob Y. Foulk, Russel M. Smith.

After a prolonged discussion on the subject of the consolidation of the various Boards, the Assembly, with a very near approach to unanimity, adopted the following paper, offered by the Rev. R. R. Booth, D.D., as a part of its action on that subject :

Fifth. The Board of Publication shall continue as at present, with a collection from the Church for its missionary work.

The department having this work in charge shall be separately constituted, and shall keep a distinct account with the Board. It shall be its duty to disseminate the publications of the Board by donations to ministers and to needy churches, and by sale through its appointees, who shall be called the Missionaries of the Board of Publication, and who shall be appointed, subject to the approval, and shall be under the control of the Presbyteries.

It shall also supervise the whole Sabbath-school work of the Church, in connection with the Presbyteries ; and it shall aim to lift this important agency of Christian evangelization into the prominence and efficiency which it deserves, and which the great needs of our own country have so largely called for at the present time.

And furthermore, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Board from the collections made by the churches, it shall receive and apply donations specifically designated for the Sabbath-school work.

It is also enjoined upon the Presbyteries by the General Assembly, that they give special attention to the appointment and to the supervision of the Missionaries of this Board who labor within their bounds.

On Monday, June 1st, the Standing Committee on Publication presented its Report. The Rev. William E. Sehenek, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, by invitation, briefly addressed the Assembly. The Report was then adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Publication, offer to the Assembly for consideration, the following report:

The money received from all sources, during the year, including balance on hand from previous year of \$9,520 31, have been \$240,647 91. The total amount expended has been \$228,414 93, leaving a balance in the treasury, March 31, 1874, of \$12,232.98—exceeding the balance of last year by \$2,712 67.

The amount of sales has been:

By the Book Store.....	\$62,974 58
By Colporteurs.....	42,004 69

The receipts from the Periodicals have been:

From the <i>Sabbath-school Visitor</i> .....	\$18,886 62
From the <i>Presbyterian at Work</i> .....	24,398 60
From the <i>Monthly Record</i> .....	6,220 62

The amount of donations has been:

By Colporteurs, at catalogue value.....	\$8,519 40
By the Missionary Committee.....	9,519 79
Making the total value of the publications disposed of for the year.....	\$172,524 30

This total includes credit sales.

The amount received from the Missionary Fund during the year ending March 31, 1873, was \$55,892 16, including about \$6,000 received from the business department of the Board. The amount received last year was \$47,798 48 from churches and individuals, which, with \$6,546 35 received from the Board (see Report, p. 63), makes \$54,344.83. In other words, the business department has paid nearly one-eighth of the amount needed to carry on the missionary work out of its gross profits.

The expenses of the Missionary Department are as follows:

Paid Colporteurs for services.....	\$28,418 22
Expenses of Colporteurs.....	7,410 41
Freight of do. ....	2,238 09
Net value of books given away .....	12,722 22
Salary of Superintendent of Sabbath school Work.....	3,000 00
Travelling Expenses of do. do. ....	555 89
Making a total of \$54,344 83.	

The Missionary Committee has made, during the year, 661 grants, amounting to \$9,519 79; of which 320 were made to Sabbath-schools, 61 to Mission churches, mostly in frontier States and Territories, 210 to pastors, missionaries and others for gratuitous distribution, 43 to needy ministers and missionaries for their own use, 27 to Freedmens' Churches and

Sabbath-schools. Some grants have also gone to Japan, India, Liberia and the Gaboon in Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica and the Bermudas.

The Board has had in commission during the year 136 colporteurs, laboring the whole or portions of the year. By these colporteurs 71,196 volumes were sold; by them and the Missionary Committee, 73,971 volumes were given away, and also 3,132,433 pages of tracts, and 129,765 families were visited, the larger part of whom were conversed and prayed with. By the action of the present Assembly, the name "colporteur" is henceforth to disappear from our records, and those employed in the work of distributing the publications of the Board are to be known as Missionaries of the Board of Publication. By the action of the General Assembly of 1870:

"Each Presbytery is directed to appoint one or more of its members a Presbyterial Publication Committee; which committee shall, in that Presbytery, supervise the work of securing an annual collection for this Board from each of its churches; shall search out and recommend to the Board suitable persons to act as colporteurs; shall correspond with the Board in reference to its work in that Presbytery, and shall do whatever else may tend to promote the work and interests of the Board, and to secure a thorough distribution of the Board's publications within and throughout the bounds of the Presbytery." (See *Minutes* of 1870, page 115.)

Should any colporteur or missionary prove to be inefficient or unfaithful, that Committee is expected to report him to the Board, when his commission would at once be withdrawn.

It is therefore earnestly pressed on the attention of those Presbyteries where the work is prosecuted, that they give to it their prompt and thorough inspection—exercising Presbyterial supervision most thoroughly.

The efforts of the Board in the Sabbath-school Department, under the superintendence of Mr. J. Bennet Tyler, have had a speedy and cordial response from the Church. The Board can in no way come so closely into contact with the heart of the churches, as by a vigorous prosecution of efforts in this direction. It is gratifying to notice the progress already made. Synodical and Presbyterial institutes have been held in several States. The Presbytery of New Castle holds six each year. One at Cincinnati was continued for four days. The Sabbath school Association of that city and Presbytery held ten successful normal meetings during the year. There has been a noticeable increase in the circulation of the *Lesson Leaf* since its form and its mode of circulation have been changed, reaching now to 180,000 copies weekly. The "*Presbyterian at Work*," designed for Sunday-school teachers and other Christian workers, has reached a circulation of 33,000, which is rapidly increasing. During the past year 1,748 Sunday-schools have been visited, and seventy-six new Sunday-schools organized in destitute localities by those engaged in the Missionary work of this Board. The action of this Assembly evidently contemplates still greater prominence for this department of our Church-work. Nothing can be more vital to our growth and prosperity as a Church of Christ. If the Presbyterian Church means to keep abreast of other Churches, she must keep up her Sunday-



school interest in the foreground. It is believed by us that so far as the Missionaries of the Board of Publication can be made to act as Sunday-school Missionaries, organizing Sunday-schools in destitute localities, and fostering them where they already exist, this advance will be warmly responded to by the Church. Owing to the general condition of business, the scarcity of money, and the reduced sales during a large part of the year, the Board has published fewer new volumes than usual, seven only having been added to its catalogue during the year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly having approved of the plan and progress of the "Book of Praise," instructed the Board of Publication to stereotype and publish the same. This has been done, and the hymn book is to be made in four forms:

1. Hymn and Tune Book in large type.
2. Hymn and Tune Book in small type.
3. Hymn Book in large type.
4. Hymn Book in small type.

Specimen pages have been submitted to the Assembly, and the known qualifications of the compiler furnish the strongest ground of confidence for its merits, and so it is earnestly hoped for its adoption by the churches.

The committee recommend that hereafter six members of the Board be chosen from Presbyteries outside the city of Philadelphia, as being, in their judgment, calculated to promote interest in the operations of the Board. They further recommend the election of Rev. S. A. Mutchmore in place of Rev. Herrick Johnson, for the term to expire in 1876; of Rev. R. R. Booth in place of Rev. J. L. Witherow for the term to expire in 1876; Ezra M. Kingsley in place of George W. Simons, whose term would have expired regularly in May 1875; and the re-election of the members whose term now expires.

At a later stage of its proceedings, and after a discussion on the project of a new and cheap paper reported on by a special committee of last year's Assembly, the following resolution, on motion of the Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the paper of Mr. Beatty be referred to the Board of Publication, with instructions to the Board to make *The Presbyterian at Work* conform, as far as practicable, to the general plan contained in the paper.



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ANOTHER year of the Board's labors closed with the thirty-first day of March last, and its Thirty-sixth Annual Report, containing an outline of the work done within that year, is respectfully submitted to the General Assembly.

The Board desires devoutly to acknowledge the goodness of God in sparing the lives and health of all its officers and members, and in enabling them to prosecute the work entrusted to them, with many cheering tokens of divine aid and blessing.

The new Presbyterian House in Philadelphia is fulfilling the hopes and expectations with which it was erected. Whilst giving admirable accommodations to the Board for its important work, it also gratuitously furnishes rooms for all the other branches of our Church's benevolent work located in the same city, greatly to the convenience of all persons having business to transact with any of them. It serves also as a gathering-place for our ministry, our Sabbath-school workers, and for the active men and women of the denomination; by its convenience drawing them together for frequent consultation, and so promoting all good works. The bookstore is inferior to none to be found in any of our cities. The retail book department has been made attrac-

tive, and special efforts are put forth to meet all reasonable demands. The Publication House is admitted on all sides to be a credit to the Presbyterian family, as well as an important helper to its Christian activities.

In one respect the present year has brought a disappointment. In the earlier months of the year there was promise of a greatly enlarged business in the sales department. The financial revulsion which occurred in the autumn changed this prospect. Business became sluggish and money scarce. The sales of the year have undoubtedly fallen far below what they would have been but for this unfavorable state of affairs. This disappointment is the more deeply felt, because the Board had adjusted all its business arrangements to meet the reasonably expected increase in its commercial operations.

In all its other aspects the Board's work was never more prosperous or more useful than it has been during the past year. Its periodical issues are reaching large masses of people, and doing good. Its benevolent work has been sustained by the contributions of the churches, and has been steadily diffusing untold blessings over all parts of our land, and even in other and remote countries. The Sabbath-school Department is becoming more and more useful, popular and promising. And there is good reason for believing that the interest and the affections of the people at large throughout our Presbyterian Church are more and more turned towards this invaluable branch of the Church's benevolent work.

#### CHANGE OF TREASURER.

Early in the year the venerable Winthrop Sargent, who had served the Board faithfully and efficiently for nearly twenty-two years as Superintendent of Colportage, and for ten years as Treasurer also, having reached the advanced age of eighty-two years, felt constrained to relinquish those offices, and retired with the esteem and affection of all who knew him. He was succeeded by S. D. Powel, Esq., who had filled the office of Treasurer of the Board of Home

Missions, and before that for many years of the Board of Domestic Missions, and who therefore brings to his new position an extended and valuable experience, and a wide acquaintance with the men and affairs of the Presbyterian Church.

#### THE FISCAL YEAR.

By recommendation of the General Assembly of 1871 the fiscal year of the Board begins annually on the first day of April. The year now under review covers therefore the twelve-month from April 1, 1873 to April 1, 1874.

The work of the Board is again presented, as it has been in preceding years, under the convenient heads of *production*, *distribution*, and *sustentation*.

#### I. DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION.

Owing to the general condition of business, the scarcity of money and the slowness of sales during a large part of the year, the Board has published fewer new books than usual, relying mainly on reprints of its former publications. In the issue of periodicals and Sabbath-school Lessons it has done a far larger business than in any former year. Its publications for the year have been as follows:

	Copies.
7 new books, . . . . .	7,500
1 Catechism, . . . . .	2,000
1 Tract, 18mo, . . . . .	2,000
4 Tracts, 32mo, . . . . .	16,000
1 Formula, . . . . .	1,000
1 Portuguese Tract, . . . . .	2,000
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Total of new publications, . . . . .	30,500
Reprints of former publications, . . . . .	615,850
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Total number of publications of the year, . . . . .	646,350

In addition to the above, there have been printed of the

Sabbath-School Visitor, . . . . .	2,600,685
Presbyterian Monthly Record, . . . . .	143,000
Presbyterian at Work, . . . . .	313,710
Annual Report of the Board, . . . . .	6,400
Golden Texts, . . . . .	60,000
Lesson Leaf, . . . . .	1,084,615

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

### BOUND VOLUMES.

Catalogue  
Number.

1146. *The Terecentenary Book.* A volume commemorative of the Completion of the Life and Work of John Knox, of the Huguenot Martyrs of France and the the Establishment of Presbytery in England. 236 pp. 12mo, with Illustrations. Price \$1.25.

This memorial volume contains an account of the "Tercentenary Celebration" as observed by the Presbyterians of Philadelphia, November 20th, 1872; the oration of Professor S. J. Wilson, D.D., LL.D., on John Knox, and the historical papers of the Rev. R. M. Patterson, on Presbyterianism in Philadelphia; of the Rev. J. B. Dales, D.D., on Presbyterianism in the United States; and of the Rev. James McCosh, D.D., LL.D., on Presbyterianism in Foreign Lands; with an Introduction by the Rev. Henry C. McCook, which is full of interesting facts and stimulating suggestions. The book is handsomely illustrated with descriptive wood engravings, and is one that should be read by all Presbyterians in the United States, who prize, or wish to prize, the faith and order of their Church, and who honor their noble ancestry. The reading will add to their estimate of the rich inheritance bequeathed to them by the Covenanters of Scotland, the Huguenots of France, the "Beggars" of Holland, and the worthies of Ireland, England, and other lands.

1148. *Thoughts on the Decalogue.* By the Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., LL.D. 16mo. Price 90 cents.

This discussion of the extent, import and permanency of the "Ten Words" given by God on Sinai, will prove valuable at this time, when lax views on this subject are so prevalent, even within the Christian Church, and so much more wide-spread without its bounds. The positive thought, and straight-forward yet reverent style of the author, will commend the book to the attention of many who are not wont to be attracted by discussions on so old, even though so vital a theme.

1149. *The Story of Madagascar.* By the Rev. John W. Mears, D.D., author of the "Beggars of Holland," "The Martyrs of France," &c., &c. 16mo. Eleven Illustrations. Price \$1.15.

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the introduction of a more instructive style of reading than much that is now found in the Libraries of our Sabbath-schools. The "Story of Madagascar," with all the interest of a romance, is but the narrative of the facts of God's wonderful work in that imperial island. The latest developments of the spread of Christianity there, form a splendid contrast to the dark days in which its power was shown in the faithfulness unto fetters and death of its early martyrs. Eleven engravings add to the attractiveness of the book, which is one of more than ordinary value.

1151. *Which is the Apostolic Church?* By the Rev. Thomas Witherow, D.D., Professor of Church History, Londonderry, Ireland. Edited and annotated by the Rev. R. M. Patterson. 18mo. Price 50 cents.

This admirably compact and convincing book goes directly to the Scriptures with the inquiry as to the form of church government there taught. It does not take a favored polity and cull out from the Bible proofs of its divine authority, but goes first to the New Testament, and from it educes the grand principles bearing on the government of the Apostolic Church. Then it asks, what modern church most largely embodies those principles in its government, and thus is nearest to the Apostolic Church? As originally published, it contained references to a state of affairs in Ireland and Great Britain not found in America. With the courteous consent of Professor Witherow, such matters have been omitted, and valuable notes have been added by the Rev. Robert M. Patterson. The value of this little volume for American readers is thus increased.

1150. *The Parsonage in the Hartz.* Translated and adapted from the German, by Mrs. Cornelia McFadden. 16mo. Four Illustrations. Price \$1.15.

A truly German tale, all alive with German thought, feeling and action, and unfolding phases of daily life and spiritual conflict striking to the American reader. It brings out the thought that the Christian heart lives in a supreme devotion to Christ as the Lord and centre of the believer's soul. Love and marriage enter into the current of the story, but they are tributary to this idea and to that of implicit submission to the orderings of an all-wise God.

1152. *Inlets and Outlets.* Familiar Talks about the Five Senses. By the Rev. Charles A. Smith, D.D., author of "Among the Lilies," &c., &c. 16mo. Four Illustrations. Price \$1.00.

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1153. *The Presbyterian Digest.* A Compend of the Acts and Deliverances of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Compiled by the order and authority of the General Assembly. By William E. Moore, D.D. With full Syllabus and Alphabetical Index. 718 pp. 8vo. Price \$6.50.

The lapse of years since the appearance of the Digests published by the two great branches of the Presbyterian family, would have made desirable that which their union has made needful,—the preparation of a new Digest. The Assembly of 1871 invited the Rev. William E. Moore, D.D., now of Columbus, Ohio, to undertake the work, under the supervision of a special committee, consisting of Edwin F. Hatfield, D.D., Alexander T. McGill, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Robert M. Patterson, George Sharswood, LL.D., and William Strong, LL.D. The Committee having reported to the Assembly of 1873 its completion by the compiler, and its approval by the Committee; it was immediately put into the hands of the Board of Publication, by whom it is now offered to the public.

The plan pursued has been to print entire "The Book," under its three heads of "*Form of Government*," "*Book of Discipline*," and "*Directory for Worship*." Under each chapter and section of these is given every deliverance or decision of the Assembly which serves to define or explain it. As the same or kindred subjects are found under different heads in "The Book," a system of cross references directs the inquirer to the decision sought, or the subject illustrated. The greatest labor has been expended here, in classifying the acts of the Assembly under their appropriate heads. Repetitions have been freely made, where it would facilitate the use of the Digest in actual practice. The decisions of each of the Supreme Judicatories of the Church, from the beginning, in 1706, have been given.

Even if not of "any authority" as binding law, most of these decisions will be found of the highest value, as expressing the deliberate judgment of the venerable bodies uttering them, upon points of constant recurrence. It is not likely that the united Assembly would now reverse any large proportion of the decisions of either body upon issues that are yet living.

Under the discretion given, the compiler omitted many of the earlier decisions, which are now found embodied in the Constitution. He also omitted, with few exceptions, documents which are chiefly historical, and deliverances which pertain to the crises through which the Church has passed in the years long gone by. His duty, as he understood it, was to compile, not a history, but a Digest for the guidance of the judicatories of the Church. The history of the schisms of the past are recorded in the Digests heretofore prepared, and accessible to the investigator of history.

The Presbyterian Church will recognize in this Digest both the intelligence and the scrupulous fidelity to truth of its compiler. Its arrangement is luminous, whilst the Syllabus of Contents with which it opens, and the Alphabetical Index with which it closes, add immensely to its value as a book of reference. It should be owned not only by the Synods and Presbyteries, but by each Session of the Presbyterian Church.

Should the price of the Digest (\$6.50) seem high, let it be borne in mind that this volume is one involving unusual expense in preparation, and commanding a very limited circulation. It is published for the service of the Church, and not with the expectation of pecuniary profit. Indeed it is not probable that it will return the money invested in it. Moreover, a discount of twenty-five per cent. from the catalogue price is made to clergymen and churches, bringing its actual cost to them to \$4.88, aside from the expense of carriage to the purchaser.

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## 18mo. SERIES.

No. 156. *The Bridge*. An Allegory. By Jean Ingelow. 12 pages. Price 1 cent.

*A Shorter Catechism*, in 24 pages, has been added to the forms in which this noble compend of faith and duty is published by the Board. Price 3 cents.

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*The Golden Texts*, for the Westminster Lessons on the International Series, for the year 1874, were published in a neat little 32mo pamphlet, for the use of our Sabbath-school teachers and scholars, and sixty thousand copies put into circulation.



In accordance with the instructions of the last General Assembly, the Report of the Committee on a "*Formula of Admission to Church Membership*" was also printed for gratuitous circulation.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL.

Under the orders of the General Assembly, the *Presbyterian Hymnal* has been prepared by the Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., with the counsel and supervision of an able special Committee of the Assembly. The report of that Committee will be submitted to this Assembly, and render needless a detailed statement of the characteristics and excellencies of the new book of praise. That it will meet the expectations of the churches and minister largely to the worship of God in his sanctuaries, we are assured.

The book, as soon as ready for the printer, was put into the hands of the Board of Publication, and its stereotyping commenced and prosecuted with all possible despatch. It is published in four forms:—

1. The Hymn and Tune Book in large type;
2. The Hymn and Tune Book in small type;
3. The Hymn Book in large type;
4. The Hymn Book in small type.

All the four contain the same hymns, in the same order, and with the same numbering. The large and the small Hymn and Tune Book differ only in size and price; and so with the large and small books containing the hymns only.

This noble work has cost the compiler, the special Committee and the Board much and anxious thought and labor. If it be adopted by all of our churches, and thus give us unity in the service of song in the sanctuaries of our body, it will be an untold blessing to our Church.

#### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Copies of the Minutes of former General Assemblies are occasionally called for to complete sets, or for other uses.

Those for most of the years preceding the Reunion are now on sale at the Depository, and those published since 1869 will be furnished on application.

### PERIODICALS.

The Board has the satisfaction of reporting its Periodical Department as in a healthful and prosperous condition. With January, 1873, it entered upon the publication of the

#### PRESBYTERIAN AT WORK,

a monthly paper for Sabbath-school and Lay-Workers. The success of this paper has been such as fully to justify its publication, and to prove that it met an existing want. At the end of six months, with July, 1873, its size was enlarged fifty per cent. by the addition to it of the Westminster Lessons upon the International Series (previously published in pamphlet form at seventy cents a year), without any increase of its price. Thus the admirable aids furnished for Sabbath-school Teachers, by Dr. S. J. Niccolls during the second half of 1873, upon the Gospel by Matthew, and by Dr. Joseph T. Duryea, during the first half of 1874, upon Exodus, were made available without additional cost to subscribers to the *Presbyterian at Work*. This change brought with it an immediate influx of new subscribers, which continues without cessation to the present time. The Westminster Lessons for the second six months of 1874 will be prepared by the Rev. S. M. Campbell, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., and those of 1875 by Drs. Duryea and Niccolls.

The *Presbyterian at Work*, though furnished at so low a price, has been a self-supporting paper from the first number onward. It is published at sixty cents *per annum* to single subscribers, and at fifty cents each when six or more are addressed, in one package, to one person.

The Westminster Lessons for the first six months of 1873, for teachers in the Sabbath-school, and the Lesson Leaves for the same period, for pupils, were prepared by

the Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., and were received with much favor. With July, 1873, both the form of the

#### WESTMINSTER LESSON LEAF,

and its mode of circulation, were changed, so as to bring it into the periodical department, in companionship with the *Presbyterian at Work*. The changes made met the approval of Sabbath-school Workers, as is evidenced by the very remarkable increase in the circulation of the Lesson Leaf. It is now prepared by the Board's Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work, Mr. J. Bennet Tyler.

It is furnished to the Schools at the rate of nine cents *per annum* for each scholar.

#### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL VISITOR.

The Presbyterian Sabbath-School Visitor, the Board's illustrated paper for the young folks, continues to enjoy the favor of the churches. This paper had, for years, been sold below its actual cost, thus entailing an annual loss, which was borne by the business department of the Board. This was manifestly wrong. Whilst the Board is constantly aiding feeble churches and Sabbath-schools by grants, as a missionary work, it aims in its *business* to sell fairly at remunerative prices. This is the only sound principle upon which it can conduct its business affairs. Other religious publishing houses, laboring under the same difficulty, reached a similar conclusion. In unison with them, the Board raised the price of the *Visitor*, from January 1, 1874, onward, so as to sell the paper at the rate of \$15.00 for 1200 papers. In the changed value of money this price is lower rather than higher than that formerly charged. It is only an honest price for what is furnished. The alternative of lowering the style of the paper, so as to bring the cost of production within the old price, was seriously considered, but it was judged that this would not meet the preference of our friends. An inferior paper would not meet the demands of intelligent Presbyterians.

The change of price caused a slight falling off in the

circulation of the *Visitor*, but no dissatisfaction worthy of note. The excellence of the paper is acknowledged, and it commands a welcome wherever it is known.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY RECORD.

This organ of the Assembly's Boards and Committees continues to be published, in octavo pamphlet form, by the Board of Publication, but only as the publisher for the Assembly's Boards and Committees, the control of its own pages resting entirely with each of the organizations represented. The monthly circulation of the magazine has been between twelve and thirteen thousand, including the copies sent gratuitously to each of the ministers of the Church. The loss incurred by its publication and distribution is shared by the Assembly's Boards and Committees in the ratio of the pages occupied by each.

## II. DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

### I. THE DEPOSITORY.

For the first time in its history the Board now has a large and commodious bookstore, where the books found on its large catalogue are presented in an attractive light to customers. The variety and value of the Board's publications are thus made more apparent to the public eye, and are attracting more and more attention. It is a frequent remark made by intelligent visitors from other lands, that no other publishing house can be found having so rich and extensive an assortment of Calvinistic religious books and tracts as is that found in our catalogue and on our shelves. An "*Ordering Catalogue*," containing a list of all the Board's publications, both books and tracts, may at any time be obtained by any person in any part of the country, by simply addressing a request upon a postal card to the Business Superintendent.

But besides the Board's own publications, it now keeps on hand a large and carefully selected assortment of the issues

of other houses. A large variety of Sabbath-school books, which have been carefully examined by intelligent and judicious persons, may be procured on as reasonable terms as anywhere in the country. By ordering Sabbath-school libraries from the Board, there is therefore a reasonable assurance afforded that objectionable and inferior books may be avoided. If an objectionable book should be found among those procured at our bookstore, it can be returned, with a statement of the objections, and its price or another book of the same value, as may be preferred, will be sent in its place.

In addition to Sabbath-school libraries, everything may here be procured that our Sabbath-school workers may need for the prosecution of their work. Maps, blackboards, officers' minute and record books, class books, and all other facilities for the management of the school may be had in great variety.

For the convenience of both ministers and people, especially of those remote from good bookstores, books for personal, family and congregational use are kept in the Board's sales-room, and may be ordered by mail.

Bibles and Testaments, prose and poetic versions of the Psalms, commentaries on the Holy Scriptures, and devotional and theological books, may here be found. The aim will be to keep on hand whatever is within the legitimate sphere of such a business, and to provide for the Presbyterian Church and community, in the Board's spacious depository, whatever it may need in the way of books or other publications.

In the course of the past year the Business Superintendent has two or three times visited many principal cities in different parts of the country, making an earnest effort to complete arrangements with booksellers there for keeping on sale in those cities a full stock of the Board's publications, so that they may be made easily accessible to our people in all parts of the Church, and be had on the same terms as in Philadelphia. Some progress has been made, and unfinished negotiations are now on foot in several of



these cities. Owing, however, to the financial crisis through which the country has been passing since last Fall, these efforts have not been so successful as there was previously every reason to anticipate. These efforts will not be abandoned, and it is hoped that we may be able a year hence to report a larger success.

## II. THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

This branch of our work, under the superintendence of Mr. J. Bennet Tyler, has met an appreciative reception and cordial coöperation. It has now been in operation a little more than two years. Meanwhile it has been diligently seeking

1. *To promote greater fidelity and efficiency* in the Bible training of the young, and a more thorough identification of the schools with all the interests of the Church. It also devotes special and careful attention to the preparation of Sabbath-school requisites. It aims to furnish lesson notes for teachers and scholars, of an order second to no other, and at the same time so cheaply as to be within the reach of the very large number of small and weak schools. Also, as far as funds are available, to donate to such as are unable to buy.

2. *To unify the schools of the Church.* Until a recent date, our schools were compelled to seek lesson helps and Sunday-school requisites from outside agencies. As a consequence, these very important educational appliances were obtained from the most diverse sources—from voluntary societies, private publishing houses, and not a few from denominational houses other than our own.

While many of these are excellent of their kind, they fail to meet the wants of our Church as helps in the important work of educating her young people for her own communion. This state of things was anomalous and every way undesirable. The evils have been manifold. The effect on the schools and on the churches has been the opposite of unity and denominational coöperation. The tendency has

been directly toward disintegration,—to the promotion of party and sectional feeling. The Sabbath-school Department has sought steadily and earnestly to bring our schools into communication and sympathy with each other and with the plans and purposes of the Church,—to create, as far as practicable, a common bond of union and helpful sympathy among the seventy thousand teachers who now comprise so largely the active and efficient workers in our churches, and the half a million scholars, who are so soon, for better or worse, to take their places.

The schools of to-day represent the churches of to-morrow. If they are well instructed in word and doctrine, if intelligent in and loyal to the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and if united in ties that bind the strong to the weak, the rich to the neglected and destitute, the Church of the future will be loyal to itself, united and efficient in the work it is set to do. If left to disintegration and isolation from the Church, its literature, its lesson helps and text-books,—if her weak schools are unaided and new fields unoccupied, the future church will be wanting in aggressive strength, and in that unity and harmony which are essential to high efficiency in any organization.

3. *Official cognizance of the schools.* The importance of official cognizance of our schools, their teaching, management, literature and text-books, is obvious. Weighty questions concerning the religious training of the young very much need such discussion as our best ministers and laymen alone can give. Sabbath-school Institutes in connection with Presbyteries and Synods are imperatively needed, as educational measures for the benefit of the instructors of our children. The object of these Institutes is not only to hold occasional sessions at central points where talent and numbers most do congregate, but also and chiefly, by committees and sub-committees, to carry them in some form to the smaller towns and rural districts where pastors and schools most need sympathy and encouragement, and teachers help and instruction.

The Superintendent has, during the past year, travelled



twelve thousand miles, conducted or attended and addressed seventy-five Institutes, meetings and conventions, and made something over one hundred and twenty-five addresses in addition to work in the preparation of Scholars' Leaf, Normal Class Book, etc.

#### ENCOURAGEMENTS.

1. *Synods* have generously responded to the movement, especially at the West. Synodical Institutes of a more or less formal character have been held in some half a dozen States, and the Superintendent has engaged to conduct several more during the coming autumn.

2. *A large number of Presbyteries* have appointed committees on the Sabbath-school, and are holding Institutes more or less frequently. The Presbytery of New Castle holds half a dozen each year. Those held at Athens, Zanesville, Steubenville, Wilmington, Hollidaysburg and Cincinnati have been notably successful. The one at Cincinnati was continued for four successive days. It was largely attended, and was a gathering of great interest and value. Besides this, the Association of that city and Presbytery held ten successful Normal meetings during the year.

3. *Presbyterian Sabbath-school Associations* have been organized in five of the principal cities, most of which are remarkably successful.

4. *New and general interest* has been imparted, teachers' meetings are springing up, the Scripture is better memorized, better work is done, more definite and immediate spiritual impressions are sought and reached, and revivals are in progress in the schools all over the land.

5. *Our Paper* and Westminster Lesson Helps have had a gratifying success, and have within a single year attained a circulation unparalleled in the history of such enterprises. The Lesson Notes, by Drs. Jacobus, Duryea and Nicolls, and the Hints for Primary Classes, are unsurpassed. The Teachers' Cabinet of Illustrations, and other features of The Presbyterian at Work, attract wide attention. *The Lesson Leaf* has had a still greater success.

We are now reaching with *Lesson Helps*—that recognize the *Catechism* and something of what we *distinctively believe*—a very large proportion of our schools.

#### MISSIONARY SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

*This work* is largely missionary in its character. We aim to do it very nearly at cost. Those most needing help are least able to pay.

*The Presbyterian at Work* and *Lesson Leaf* are furnished at a low price, so as to place them within reach of the weaker schools.

This missionary phase of our Sabbath-school work should be largely extended. If our religion has any high significance, it should certainly prompt us to unceasing efforts to reach the neglected and destitute. There can be no more sacred claim than that of the neglected children of our own land,—neglected, and growing up in ignorance and vice through the neglect of others. The mission Sabbath-school is the cheapest and most feasible form of introducing the gospel, and it prepares the way for the preacher and the church.

The Board proposes, (as is more fully stated in another part of this report,) so far as it may be sustained, to pay special attention to the Sabbath-school feature of Colportage. Men adapted to this work will be sought for and placed in the field. We hope not only to aid the needy, but to plant new Schools wherever they can be judiciously started.

Our Sabbath-schools are earnestly solicited to contribute to the support of this Sabbath-school Mission work, and may, when it is requested, be put in correspondence with these Sabbath-school colporteurs.

While we devoutly record a large measure of success in this field, we ask the sympathy and prayers of the entire Church in our efforts to bring all our schools into communication with the Department, and with each other, to stimulate and aid our weak schools, to help and encourage all parents and teachers to do more for the training, the conversion, and the Christian culture of the young.

## III. COLPORTAGE.

This good work has quietly and steadily gone forward, and the blessing of God has attended it. The Board has had in commission for either the whole or portions of the year now under review, 136 colporteurs. These have labored in 30 of our Synods and in 97 of our Presbyteries, and two in Canada.

Of the above number of colporteurs in commission nearly all have sent in their reports. The remainder were either recently commissioned, or have failed through accident, neglect, or some other cause, to do so. A tabulated statement, giving the details of their labors, may be found in the appendix to this report. It shows that 71,196 volumes were sold by these colporteurs; that 73,971 volumes were given away by them and the Missionary Committee; that 3,132,433 pages of tracts were distributed gratuitously, and that 129,765 families were visited, the larger part of whom were conversed and prayed with. The donations made by colporteurs amount to \$8,519 40.

The Board has spared no pains during the past year to get more laborers of high qualifications and of greater permanence in the work, and has dropped from its list some who seemed to be accomplishing but little. Hence it may be observed that although there have been fewer colporteurs in the field this year, they have accomplished about as much, and in some points more, than in the year preceding. It will be seen that these laborers have been widely distributed over our land and our Church. While some have been engaged in our older and richer Presbyteries, much the larger number have been toiling in the newer and more sparsely settled portions of the country. They have carried their books and tracts to tens of thousands of remote and secluded dwellings. They have also visited many a hamlet and retired settlement where the Gospel had never been preached. Not seldom they report that they had visited this or that place where no minister had ever been and no sermon had been heard. One of our most active and useful

colporteurs recently wrote: "My most useful work has been done at outposts beyond where even our home missionaries go. Wherever I find them, I work with our home missionaries, and they always feel that my work and my books and tracts are a most important help to them." These laborers for Christ have thus reached great numbers of people whom an ordained ministry could not reach, and for whom there was absolutely no human help or hope, save in an agency of this kind. The seed of pure gospel truth thus sown in various parts of our land cannot fail, by God's blessing, to spring up and produce fruit to his glory in the salvation of souls, and the confirmation of multitudes in the doctrines and church polity maintained by the Presbyterian Church. But the field is vast and constantly widening. The waves of population roll in upon the hitherto wilderness portions of our land. The demand for an enlargement of this work becomes every year more and more imperative. Our Church cannot fully perform her duty to the Master without contributing more largely of her means to enable the Board to increase the number of its laborers and to scatter yet more abundantly its books and tracts among the destitute and needy.

#### COLPORTEURS UNDER PRESBYTERIAL DIRECTION.

Every colporteur is selected and recommended by the Presbytery in whose bounds he is to labor, or by its Presbyterial Publication Committee, and his work is subject to its supervision and general direction while he continues in the field. Should any colporteur prove to be inefficient or unfaithful, that Committee is expected to report him to the Board, when his commission would at once be withdrawn. Thus each Presbytery has complete control over the work in its bounds. This is in accordance with the action of the General Assembly of 1870, which adopted the following resolution:

"Each Presbytery is directed to appoint one or more of its members a Presbyterial Publication Committee; which Committee shall, in that Presbytery, supervise the work of securing an annual

collection for this Board from each of its churches; shall search out and recommend to the Board suitable persons to act as colporteurs; shall correspond with the Board in reference to its work in that Presbytery, and shall do whatever else may tend to promote the work and interests of the Board, and to secure a thorough distribution of the Board's publications within and throughout the bounds of the Presbytery." See *Minutes*, page 115.

Under this excellent arrangement, the work of colportage is rapidly improving in efficiency and acceptableness to the churches. Wherever a Presbytery's Publication Committee takes an active interest in the work and faithfully performs the duties assigned to it, the colporteur is stimulated and encouraged, and his usefulness greatly increased. Practically this plan is found to work well in every way.

#### COLPORTEURS AND SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of 1871 directed the Board "in appointing colporteurs, as far as possible, to select such persons as may also be suitable for Sabbath-school missionaries, and instruct them to establish Sabbath-schools in destitute localities, under the supervision of Presbyteries." The Board is endeavoring to obey this direction, and earnestly requests every Presbyterial Publication Committee to have due reference to it in selecting and recommending persons to labor in their bounds. The Board has incorporated the following into its printed "*Instructions*," which are enjoined upon all colporteurs for their guidance:

"You are to be continually on the lookout for 'destitute localities,' where Sabbath-schools may be established, and when they are found, you are to spare no pains 'under the supervision of the Presbytery' or its Publication Committee, to effect an organization and start the school with the best possible arrangements for permanent success and usefulness.

"You are to report quarterly to the Superintendent of Colportage the number of Sabbath-schools you visit, and the number you have established in destitute localities."

From the tables in the *Appendix* it may be seen that



our colporteurs have made a good beginning in this work. This is the first year in which these new items have been reported, yet they report, as a beginning, that 1748 Sabbath-schools have been visited, and 76 new schools have been organized in destitute localities. It is confidently anticipated that this will become from year to year a more important and useful part of the colporteur's work, which will be fraught with blessings to the youth of our land and to the Church of God.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND PAY OF COLPORTEURS.

By every means at its command the Board is endeavoring to secure laborers well qualified in every way for the work to be confided to them. It aims to secure men of sincere piety, of sound judgment, of earnest zeal—men having a good degree of acquaintance not only with the Bible, but with the government and doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. It desires to commission men having knowledge of human nature and tact in dealing with it. And to these qualifications it adds physical strength and power of endurance. The labors of such men, when secured, should receive a fair, if not a liberal, compensation. The Board deems it better even to have fewer men in the field, if thoroughly qualified for the work, than a larger number of inferior men giving smaller promise of usefulness. Acting on this view the compensation of its colporteurs during the past year has been somewhat increased, while their number has been somewhat diminished. The average compensation allowed per day is now \$1 74. Should the General Assembly approve, the Board will gladly make a further increase in the compensation allowed henceforth, in cases where it may be deemed desirable.

#### COLPORTAGE ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Colportage work of the Board of Publication is constantly growing in extent, interest and usefulness in our far West. In the widely extended Synod of the Pacific, the Board now has seven colporteurs at work, viz: two in the Presbytery

of Oregon, and one each in those of Benicia, Sacramento, San Francisco, San José, and Los Angeles. There is a vast work to be done by this agency, for Christ's kingdom and for our Presbyterian Church, in that great field, and our Board is doing all it can, with very limited means, for its accomplishment. It has just completed an arrangement with Rev. F. E. Shearer, No. 757 Market Street, San Francisco, to keep on hand a full supply of the Board's publications. This will be a great accommodation to the Presbyterians of the Pacific coast.

#### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Special mention should be made in this Report of the invaluable services rendered to our cause by the following District Superintendents, who have helped greatly in their respective districts to push the work forward with vigor and economy.

C. O. Waters, M. D., has had supervision of the Northwest, including the Synods of Illinois Central, Illinois North, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa North and Iowa South. In this wide and important field Dr. Waters has been instrumental by his personal exertions in distributing a large amount of precious religious truth, while largely promoting at the same time the usefulness of the colporteurs in those Synods.

The Rev. John A. Seymour was two or three years ago, at the earnest request of numerous and influential brethren in that region, appointed District Superintendent for the Synods of Western New York, Cleveland and Toledo. In these Synods he has done much to increase an interest in the Board's work, and to diffuse its publications where they had not previously gone.

Rev. Robert Irwin has for one year acted as District Superintendent of the Synods of Illinois South, Missouri and Kansas, in which his labors have been universally acceptable, and where he has already given a new and decided impulse to the whole work of the Board.



## GRANTS VOTED BY THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

In response to appeals sent from all parts of the Church, the Missionary Committee of the Board is voting grants at every meeting. Our mission churches and our needy Sabbath-schools, especially those in our newer States and rapidly-settling Territories, are more and more looking to this Board and relying upon it for supplies of our Presbyterian literature, which can be obtained from no other source, and which is so well adapted to help and strengthen them in their early struggles to plant and spread the truth on new fields.

During the year the Board has made, through this Committee, 661 grants, amounting to \$9,519 79. These have been sent, in larger and smaller amounts, to 37 States and Territories of our Union. A few of them have also gone to aid and bless toiling servants of Christ in Japan, India, Liberia and the Gaboon in Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica, and the Bermudas. On many a far-distant field have been sown seeds of truth from this granary of the Church,—seeds destined, we may humbly hope, to spring up and through the power of God produce new harvests from fertile virgin soils.

Of the above-mentioned 661 grants, 320 were made to needy and mission Sabbath-schools; 210 were sent to pastors, missionaries, and other persons for gratuitous distribution in their several vicinities; 61 were given to mission churches, mostly in our frontier States and Territories; 43 to needy ministers and missionaries for their own use; and 27 were sent, mainly by request of the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, to Freedmen's churches and Sabbath-schools.

The Board rejoices to have done this much, but it laments that it has not received from the churches means to do far more. Had enough money been furnished by the churches, twice, nay five times as many books and tracts could have been given where they would have carried incalculable blessings to multitudes of souls perishing for lack of knowledge.

The last General Assembly unanimously adopted the suggestion of its Committee on Publication, "*that the Assembly press upon the churches the duty of giving an earnest support to the Board, in their efforts to disseminate as widely as possible a sound religious literature, founded upon the word of God as interpreted by our standards.*" O that the churches generally would come up to the performance of this duty, recognized as such by a unanimous vote of their chief judicatory. God grant that all the communicants, rich and poor, in all our churches, may learn so thoroughly to comprehend and appreciate those glorious truths which our fathers earnestly contended for, and which distinguish us as Presbyterians, that they shall long to diffuse them a thousand fold more abundantly, *by the power of the press* as well as in other ways, and to scatter it broadcast even unto the ends of the earth.

#### SHORTER CATECHISMS.

It gives us pleasure to acknowledge a generous donation recently made to the Missionary Fund of the Board by Messrs. R. L. & A. Stuart, of New York. Out of this donation, five hundred dollars are to be used exclusively in giving away copies of the *Shorter Catechism* to Sabbath-schools. Applications are now coming in for grants of catechisms from many schools. We feel assured that this sum, so wisely appropriated, will be productive of unspeakable blessings to multitudes of children and youth, who will one day rise up to call the donors blessed.

#### GRANT OF BIBLES.

The Board very gratefully acknowledges the liberality of the American Bible Society in having, at sundry times in years past, supplied the Board with Bibles and New Testaments for gratuitous distribution. A few months since, that Society made a most generous grant to the Board, comprising 1,355 volumes of the Holy Scriptures in whole or in part, and in several languages. These are placed in the hands of the colporteurs, to be given by them

to those whom they may find, in places remote from ordinary means of supply, destitute of the precious volume of God's word. Great numbers of families, in secluded places on our frontier regions, have thus been cheered and blessed by the gift of this Holy Book.

### TESTIMONIES FROM THE FIELD.

Wherever the Board's colporteurs have gone, and wherever its publications have been scattered by grants or otherwise, they have been received with almost unvarying joy and gratitude, and from every part of the wide field have come back expressions adapted to cheer the hearts of all interested in this noble work. From the correspondence of the year a few extracts are given as illustrative of these facts—extracts to which others equally significant might be added almost without end.

#### *Colportage in Michigan.*

The northern part of Michigan is a vast forest region, thinly settled, and to a great extent by persons connected with the lumber business. In the Presbytery of Saginaw the Board has an excellent colporteur, a ruling elder in one of the churches, busily at work. The following extracts from his last letter will give a view of the nature and importance of his work. He says:

"I have visited all the points on the Lake shore from the Straits of Mackinaw to Fort Hope and around Saginaw Bay, a distance of about three hundred miles. This is a newly settled country, and much of it is still a wilderness. I have been the first colporteur to visit many of these points. It requires hard labor and a great deal of endurance to work in these back places. But just here the colporteur is most needed, and here he is likely to do most good. I often met those who had enjoyed better privileges in the past, and who are trying to do good still. By such the colporteur's visits are valued. They have no other way of getting a religious book."

*Sabbath-schools in the Wilderness.*

"I walked forty-seven miles through the wilderness—for thirty miles not seeing a house or a person—to organize two Sabbath-schools at two settlements. At one of these places I stayed over Sabbath. One small boy walked four and a half miles to get to the Sabbath-school. Over thirty persons were present. No minister had ever been there, and no sermon ever preached there. After spending an hour or two with this little school, I did not regret that I had walked so far. This school has since been kept up through the winter, and I have sent them some of our books."

*Books not Forgotten.*

"In many instances, away up on this shore in the backwoods, I have met individuals who know our books, and would point out those they liked. On my expressing surprise at this, they replied, 'Oh, we had them in our Sabbath-school in ——,' naming some place in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, or somewhere else, from which they had come. This fact shows that our books in Sabbath-school libraries are not forgotten, but leave an influence on many readers in after years."

*An Earnest Lad.*

"At one place, a French lad, sixteen years old, followed me around, searching three hours for me, to get some books. He had seen some tracts I had given to other persons. His first selection was '*James' Anxious Inquirer*,' for which he gave me all the money he had. He was from Montreal, was a convert from Romanism, and was working and going to school, hoping that he might hereafter be able to preach the gospel."

*One Use of Colportage.*

"Even in these backwoods there are those who are thirsting for religious instruction, but have few or no opportunities to get it. My most useful work has been done at out-posts beyond where even our home missionaries go, also among our weaker churches and Sabbath-schools. Often these have no preacher, but by visiting and encouraging the Sabbath-school, the church is held together until it can secure preaching. Wherever I find them, I work with our home missionaries, and they always feel that my work and my books and tracts are a most important help to them. By the great mass of the people engaged in the lumbering business the Sabbath and religion are fearfully disregarded."

*"Almost a Nun."*

"In one place I was told that a copy of one of our Board's books—'Almost a Nun'—in the library of the Methodist Sabbath-school, had been the means of leading a family, who are now consistent members of the Methodist Church, to forsake Romanism. At another place a Roman Catholic woman borrowed this book from a Sabbath-school library and burned it. But there were several other copies in the neighborhood, and when it was known what she had done, everybody wanted to read the work. So her burning one copy gave it an extensive reading for miles around. I sold a large number of that book in that neighborhood."

*Seed not Lost.*

"Once on a dark and cloudy day," says a colporteur of the Board in Iowa, "I lost my way on the prairie. Toward evening I came to a house where I found a family of five persons. Soon after I entered into conversation with him, the man let me know that he was an unbeliever. In his opinion the Bible was no better than any other history, and the books of Moses were a fiction. I talked with him for some time, and at last prevailed upon him to take some tracts and to buy Dr. Jacobus' Notes on Genesis. The next morning I left, thinking my visit there had accomplished only the sale of two volumes. Three years afterward I met the same man more than a hundred miles from his home. He knew me at first sight; said he was glad to see me, and told me that the books and tracts left with him on my first visit were the means used by God for his conversion."

*Our Missionary Fund.—How it Works.*

Here is the testimony of a missionary pastor, working hard to build up a new church in Iowa. He says:

"When our church had spent all its resources in building a house of worship, and when we had one hundred scholars ready to enter a Sabbath-school, and when we were unable to open such a school for want of the facilities to begin with—then the Board of Publication made us a donation of books, &c., which enabled us to organize the school at once, and now, four weeks from its organization, we have an excellent, self-sustaining school.

"Again, through the gift of this same Board of over twenty thousand pages of tracts, I have been enabled, within the three years past, to plant Presbyterian doctrine deep and broad in the



hearts of the people of this community, to erect a beautiful house of worship, and to organize a good Sabbath-school.

“Our people cannot express their gratitude for such help from this Board, and it is painful to learn that its missionary work may be stopped or hindered by being consolidated with that of another Board. We hope, however, that our General Assembly may see in time what a mistake that would be, and may otherwise order.”

*A Lady Superintendent.*

We hear of a school lately started by one of the Board's colporteurs in Missouri, of which an earnest Christian woman is in charge. There being no fit man in the settlement, there was no alternative. The missionary writes to a school in New York: “It would have done your hearts good to have seen the children's eyes sparkle with joy at the sight of the pictures, and still more when they came to read the *Visitors*.” Many of them had never seen a Sabbath-school paper before. Books and papers are scarce, and money is scarcer still. The children are trying to raise money for an additional supply, by selling eggs and raising chickens. One little girl had been home-sick ever since she went west, but is now glad and contented, because they have a Sabbath-school. The missionary writes that there are thousands of children equally destitute on his field. He is anxious to multiply schools among them. Churches are few and far between, but school-houses abound in which Sabbath-schools may be advantageously planted.

*A Striking Fact.*

One of our good Presbyterian workers in Missouri and Kansas, who has been accustomed to distribute the publications of the Presbyterian Board, sends us the following striking instance of a great blessing upon a modest, noiseless, and apparently trifling effort:

“The following incident illustrative of the value of tracts, brief, pointed, pungent tracts, I have from an authentic source. It stands associated in my mind with the practice of one of my own elders in Missouri, of folding a religious tract in every package of dry-goods that he sent out. A farmer with his wife and daughter, a young lady, went to town to make some purchases. Returning

homeward, the woman opened the package to examine her purchase, and a tract fell out. The farmer reached for the tract, and read it while the wife was examining the goods. The wife, seeing her husband deeply affected, inquired the cause; without speaking he handed her the tract and conviction flashed upon her mind. The daughter amazed to see both her parents weeping and unable to speak, received the tract at her mother's hand, and the whole three were convinced of their lost and undone condition by nature, and led to put their trust in Christ for salvation."

*Kind Appreciation.*

A venerable minister, who has for many years been toiling successfully for the Master, sends the following cheering words:

"I have just finished reading the last *Annual Report* of the Board of Publication, and I have been much interested in it. What a mighty and blessed power the Board of Publication is! And from what a small beginning it has grown! I remember it well as the Tract Society of the Synod of Philadelphia. I began the circulation of its publications even then, and have continued it ever since. Hundreds and thousands of them have I put in circulation. Some I have put in every family of the different churches I have served. Would that the Church knew the power of this Board for good, and would contribute to its funds as it ought, and would buy and circulate its publications as it should!"

If our ministers generally shared the zeal of this excellent man, how easily might the usefulness of this Board be increased many fold!

*Church-Work Helped in Wisconsin.*

A letter from *Wisconsin* tells of the usefulness of a grant made by the Board:

"The express package containing your donation of books came last week. We were greatly delighted to receive it, containing as it did far more than we had anticipated, but not more than we can use to advantage. The '*Children's Praise*' has never before been used here, and is just what we needed. The '*Little Book for Little Readers*,' and the '*True Story Libraries*,' containing a dozen volumes each, will make the eyes of our little folks sparkle with joy, and the larger volumes will please the older classes as well. The



copies of the *Sabbath-school Visitor* will also be of greater service to us.

“I have glanced over the Tracts, and I think they will be very useful; they are upon subjects to which I wish to call the attention of the people, viz., The ‘*Teachers’ Meetings*,’ ‘*Christian Faithfulness Rewarded*,’ ‘*God’s Hour in the Week*,’ and others that I might mention. I believe such little treatises can be made very useful in such a community as this. I am very glad of the Tracts in German—we are trying to do something for the good of these people. We have several German children in our Sabbath-school, some from the families of Roman Catholics. What you have sent us will be attractive to the children, and we need these attractions the more because the children in our Sabbath-school are largely from families upon which we have no hold, many of them not professing Christians, and we must hold on to the children, while they are drawn away by many evil influences in this Sabbath desecrating community. I shall mark the books and present them to the school next Sabbath. Please express our sincere and hearty thanks to the Presbyterian Board of Publication for this kind and liberal donation to our Sabbath-school.”

### *Fruits of Colportage.*

A colporteur, laboring in a remote part of *Missouri*, writes:

“The fruits of my work are to me truly encouraging. I have organized several prayer-meetings, one of which in particular has, I hope, been the means of accomplishing great good. We began it at a private house with an attendance of four besides myself. Only one of the four would lead in prayer. I talked to them for some time, and finally asked them if we could not have a meeting the following night. It was agreed that we should. I then asked each one present to promise to come himself and bring at least one of his neighbors. They all not only promised but fulfilled their promises, so that the next night we had more than double the number we began with. I continued to exact the same promise every night until we were compelled to meet in a school-house on account of the crowd, and then it was that the meeting begun to grow very interesting indeed. I spent most of the night after going from the meeting in preparing something to say to them the next night. The days I spent in visiting from house to

house in the neighborhood, trying to persuade the people to come out to our prayer-meeting, and talking and praying with them at their houses. There was no minister near, and for several days I carried on the work in this way. There were quite a number of conversions, seven or eight united with our church, and quite a number with other denominations. There have also been five other conversions that I know of, which my work has been instrumental in bringing about. Several others are anxiously inquiring the way of life. Several have come to me after I had retired at night and asked me to get up and pray with them. Such things are truly encouraging."

*A Colporteur's View of his Work.*

A colporteur in *Illinois* writes as follows, when sending his quarterly report :

"I have been kindly received especially by the poor ; and often, when I have given a book or a tract, followed by prayer or a word of exhortation, the tear of gratitude has stolen down the cheek. *I love the work.* Pray for me that the great Head of the Church may make me more useful and successful in spreading His precious truth. I trust that many souls will date their return to God from the reading of some book or tract that I have placed in their hands. I have distributed tracts everywhere in my travels—on the cars, in the hotels, at the depots, on the streets and highways, praying that the Holy Spirit would carry home the truth to the heart and lead wandering souls to the Saviour. The more I travel the more I feel the necessity for the circulation of sound religious literature to counteract the baleful influence of novels and even of many so-called religious papers."

*A Call for the Colporteur's Work.*

It may be thought by some, that in our older States there is little need of the colporteur. The following extract from a colporteur in *New Jersey* tends to show the contrary.

"There is a scattered district in my field in New Jersey, called 'Owleytown,' a place which travellers shun,—a place of lonely desolation. Your missionary recently spent two days in this region, and visited twenty-seven families, the entire population consisting of one hundred and four persons, including children. These people live alone, holding but little intercourse

with each other, and less with the outside world. Vice reigns, intemperance rules. Of those families, thirteen reported that they never attend the house of God,—ten perhaps once in a few years, or on the occasion of a funeral,—four go occasionally to meeting in a neighboring village. Few of the families can read, and only a very few of the children. There is a small day school held in an old ruined log-house, but the Sabbath-school had been given up through an evil influence. Five of the families had no Bible; an old woman of seventy-four told me she had not had a Bible for five years. Living under a total disregard of everything sacred, the word of God and the voice of prayer are never heard in these dwellings. When I proposed in several families to read the Scriptures and offer prayer for them, I was met with the chilling response, ‘You may, if you like;’ nevertheless I did like, and they acted as though they liked the exercise. I invited every family to meet me in the school-house on a following Tuesday evening, at sundown, and upwards of fifty persons attended service. Our meeting lasted one hour and a half; my audience were most attentive, and many were in tears.

“On Sabbath, 29th of June, I returned to ‘Owleytown,’ and, assisted by members of the church at B——, we re-organized the Sabbath-school, having previously enrolled forty-eight children as its attendants. Concerning this school, the pastor writes to me that it promises well.”

### *Does Colportage Pay?*

It is often asked, “Does the colportage work of our Board of Publication result in the conversion of souls?” We answer this question by quoting the following extract from the last quarterly report of one of our colporteurs, merely remarking that the relation of such incidents is by no means uncommon. The blessing of God has, all along, manifestly rested upon this good work. This colporteur, in Wisconsin, writes as follows:

“It is a great encouragement to me to know that this agency of the Church is not fruitless. During the last quarter I called upon a family whom I had visited more than a year ago. The wife knew me at once, greeted me very cordially, and then made the following statement: ‘When you were here before, you said some things which I shall never forget. That night my thoughts

troubled me so that I could not sleep. I got up, and I lay down, but I could not rest. My husband asked me what was the matter, but I could not tell him. I continued in this state for some days and nights, until the little prayer you told me of came to my mind. I repeated it over and over, and every time I said it I felt better, until I rejoiced in Christ my Saviour. Do you think my saying those words over and over was praying, and that God answered me?"

We suppose there was but one reply to that question.

### *The Colporteur's Reward.*

Incidents like the following, which are not of infrequent occurrence, are the encouragement the colporteur meets as he pursues his self-denying labors. A colporteur of the Board in Iowa writes:

"I came across the prairie from Fort Dodge, calling at all the houses that were near my way. On a dark and cloudy day, far from any settlement, I met very unexpected encouragement,—sweet fruit growing from a handful of seed, sown in weakness six years ago. I met a man on the trackless waste who accosted me with the words, 'I am glad to see you. Do you remember taking dinner with some men in a country tavern in Cedar county six years ago, and conversing with one of them on the subject of religion?' When I said I had some recollection of that occasion, he proceeded: 'That conversation, although held in my presence with another man, was instrumental in leading me to the Saviour.'

"If I could this morning speak to all my co-laborers in this colportage work, I would say, 'Go on, brethren; scatter the seed in faith, and you shall reap a rich harvest in the great day of final account.'"

### *Value of a Tract.*

When forwarding his quarterly report, a colporteur of the Board in Wisconsin writes as follows:

"About two weeks ago a man stepped up to me and said:

" 'I suppose you don't know me?'

"I replied that I had seen him somewhere, but under what circumstances I could not say. Taking me by the hand, with tearful eyes and utterance he said:

“I thank God for sending you to my house over a year ago, and for the tract, “Do you Pray?” which you then gave me. Until I read that tract over and over, I never knew what prayer was. But, for a year past my life has been, I trust, one of prayer. I have circulated that tract among my neighbors, and it has been read until it is nearly worn out.’

“At his earnest request I promised to visit him again in a short time.”

#### BLESSED RESULTS OF COLPORTAGE WORK.

A colporteur gives the following account of his labors in *Kansas*:

“During the last quarter I have been abruptly ordered to take my books and leave the house three times, but have always managed to leave some tracts either on the floor or in the yard. I have been denounced from the pulpit as circulating ‘*Presbyterian lies*,’ and also as telling the same in my talks to prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools. Yet I have an idea that the speakers have done themselves more injury by such attacks than they have done to me or my work.

“The *Campbellites* are now holding a protracted meeting at a school-house some two miles from my home, and I have been told that I and my work have been the subject of almost every sermon so far, and I suppose will be until the meeting closes. I think their doctrine is the worst and most dangerous form of heresy in the country. Dr. N. L. Rice’s little tract on ‘*Campbellism*,’ has done and is doing a good work in this community. Some time ago a man who had been a leading spirit in that church came to a prayer-meeting that I organized near his house. I was there that night, and talked to the meeting, and after it was over, distributed quite a number of tracts. A week or two afterward this man came to my house at eleven o’clock at night, very much troubled about his spiritual condition. I got up from my bed and talked and prayed with him. He has never made a public profession of religion, though I have every reason to believe that he is a true Christian. He says now that he can see no true religion in the doctrine of the Campbellite church, of which he was a member for a number years.”

#### *Conversion from Reading Tracts.*

“I stopped at a man’s house one morning, and was there when



he came in from his barn. I had a few tracts in my hand, and proposed leaving him one or two to read. He told me very abruptly that he wanted no such stuff, and what was more, he wanted me to get out as soon as possible. I turned to go, and as I did so dropped two tracts that I had selected to suit his case; one was, '*There is a Hell,*' and the other, '*Sinners in the hands of an Angry God.*' When I did so, he put his foot on them and walked out. Five or six weeks after, I was driving along some two miles from his house, when some one from behind called me. It was this same man. He said he wished to apologize for the way in which he had treated me, and insisted on my staying with him over night. I did so. He told me that after we had both left the house, on the day alluded to above, his wife read the tracts, and when he came home at night said to him that he had done wrong to treat me as he did, and at the same time *dared* him to read those 'little papers' that I had left. He began to read '*There is a Hell,*' and before he got through it he concluded that there was one, and that he was in great danger. From this he became convinced that he was a sinner, and finally he made a public profession of religion."

#### *Other Conversions.*

"During the last three months there have been four cases that I know of, when my work has been instrumental in winning souls to Christ. One a young man employed to work on a farm where I stopped over night. I went out to look after my horse about dark, and heard this young man swearing very bitterly. I asked him if he did not know it to be wrong to swear. He said his mother used to tell him so, but since her death, no one had taken any pains to tell him of it, and the habit had grown on him until he could hardly keep from it. I talked with him quite a while about the sin and folly of such a habit, and made him promise to read some tracts. I saw him after he was converted and had united with the church. He told me that he owed his conversion to my conversation and prayer with him that night in the barn, and to the reading of the tracts I gave him. No one had ever said anything to him on the subject of religion since his mother's death until then, and he had often felt that no one cared for him or his soul."

*"It is I."*

One of our colporteurs was advised not to visit a man who was regarded as sceptical, lest he might be insulted. He went, however, and was received kindly. After quite a long conversation, the old gentleman proposed he should stay to dinner, to which he consented.

When his host went out, the colporteur thought what he should do in this case. His entertainer had said he "don't want any of my books or tracts, that he has no use for them," and perhaps he had already urged the subject of personal religion as far as might be prudent. Just at that instant he observed an overcoat in the entry. As if directed by the Spirit of God, he selected the tract, "*It is I*," and deposited it in the pocket of the overcoat. After dinner the colporteur pursued his journey. In the evening the old gentleman took down his overcoat and put it on, and placing his hand in his pocket, drew out the tract, "*It is I*." How great his astonishment! He soon, however, suspected who put it there. That night he read the tract, and the Spirit fastened its precious truths upon his heart, so that he was led to ask "What must I do to be saved?" The colporteur continued to visit him, pray for him, and instruct him in the way of salvation. When one day his old friend met him, and with a warm grasp of the hand, and with eyes suffused with tears, exclaimed, "O, my dear sir, I am so glad to see you! I want to tell you what God has done for my poor soul. I have found Jesus. He has washed my sins away in his own precious blood." Well might he exclaim:

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,—  
Was blind, but now I see."

O that somebody would write a book filled with just such facts, illustrating the adaptedness of the colporteur work to the wants of the country and the world, and showing how signally God has placed his seal of approbation upon it.

*A Colporteur's Work and Wants.*

The Board has a colporteur travelling over a sadly destitute field in Western Kansas. He says :

"I left my home to engage in the service of the Board of Publication as a colporteur in Kansas. Having joined a home missionary, with whom it had been arranged that I should travel during the summer, we started westward. We reached a town in the western part of Kansas on the 2d of May, and there commenced our labors. Since that time we have travelled in many counties, and while the home missionary preached at all the important points, I have done what I could in the way of selling books, distributing tracts, and conversing with the people at their homes.

*A Missionary Tent.*

"Our outfit consists of a tent fifty feet in diameter, and which will comfortably seat four hundred people; a covered wagon, sixteen feet long, in which we carry the tent, and a pair of mules to draw it,—all of which was paid for by a few Sabbath-schools at the East. This wagon is our home. We sleep in it at night, use it for a study in the daytime, take shelter in it from the storms,—in short, it is the only place we can depend upon for shelter, lodging, or retirement. The country through which we have travelled has been settled almost entirely within the last two or three years, and by a class of citizens far superior, I think, to that usually found in so new a country. But they are almost all poor,—most of them very poor. They have come here to get homes, and on new places, with very little means. It is not to be supposed that they can do more for the first few years than make a comfortable living. Indeed, many cannot do that,—at least they cannot make what would be considered a comfortable living in the older settled parts of the country. I have been told of many families who have subsisted for weeks and months without meat, flour, sugar, tea or coffee,—with nothing, in fact, except corn meal. Their houses are mostly "dug-outs" and sod-cabins. Of course, there are some in a better condition; but in many neighborhoods this is the way the majority live. They have very little preaching, and most of that of a very poor quality. In most of the neighborhoods they try to keep up a Sabbath-school, but there are many who have not clothes decent to attend church

or Sabbath-school,—hardly to be seen at home; and in some neighborhoods they have neither church nor Sabbath-school.

“Such is the condition of the people among whom I have been laboring during the summer. Most of the time we carry our own provisions, do our own cooking, and fare far better than most of the people who live here. At the towns, and principal points where we pitch our tent, it is better. Sometimes we are invited to the houses to take our meals, and such invitations we thankfully accept.

*Tracts and Books Useful.*

“It has been my aim, as far as possible, to call at every house, and if it was not possible to sell anything, to *give* a religious tract or cheap book, and to say a few words on the subject of religion. And even to those that I have met with on the road I have tried, so far as possible, to give some religious truth. I have visited Sabbath-schools whenever it has been practicable to do so; and while it is encouraging to see so many Sabbath-schools in this new country, it is sad to see how little they have to encourage them. They need good papers and libraries very much. Some time in May I was in a neighborhood where they were trying to get a library for their Sabbath-school. They had used every exertion, and could only raise a few dollars, and they had concluded that it was useless to think of getting books with so little money, and that they would send for papers, and try to get along without a library. I told them that perhaps I could get papers given to them, and that they could also get a donation of some books, if they would send all the money they could raise. At their request I wrote to the Board on their behalf. I did not know the result until a few days since, when, meeting some men from that neighborhood, I asked one of them if they had got the papers. ‘O, yes,’ said he, ‘and books too; and we are very much pleased with them.’ Another old man, from the same neighborhood, said to me: ‘You can’t tell how much good those books have done. Since we got them the house is full every Sabbath. Before we got those books I don’t believe there were five children in the whole neighborhood that could repeat the Lord’s Prayer, and now there is not one that cannot repeat it.’

*Who will give?*

“It made my heart glad to hear the old man talk about that

Sabbath-school, and the interest that had been awakened in it by means of that library and those papers. Now there are hundreds of Sabbath-schools in just the condition in which that one was,—with no books, no papers, and not very competent teachers,—still dragging on under all these discouragements; and the only wonder to me is that they live at all. And I think there are hundreds of warm-hearted men and women at the East to whom God has given the means, and who would be glad to give a library and papers to such a school, if they knew of it. I could easily find such a school every week. Can a man or woman be found every week who will, with a joyful heart, supply what that school needs? And then there are very many families who have no religious books in their houses. They are not able to purchase, but would gladly read them. They get very little religious instruction, and unless the truth is carried to them at their homes, they will remain without it. Are there not many Christians who have both the ability and the disposition to furnish good books and tracts for gratuitous distribution?

“While engaged in this work there have been hardships to endure; but to me it has been a pleasant work. And although I may not see the results of my labor, I cannot but hope that God will bless the truth, that has been scattered, to the salvation of souls. Of one thing I feel confident,—that is, if wealthy Christians could see for themselves the destitution that exists in this section of country, there would be no lack of means to furnish the people with a good supply of religious reading.”

#### *A Colporteur's View.*

An excellent colporteur of the Board, laboring in a destitute portion of *Missouri*, writes as follows:

“There is very little religious reading matter among the people here; so that the books and tracts of the colporteur are very acceptable, and in many places are the only reading the people get. I have found, oh! so many families without even a Bible. I have made many families glad by presenting them with a book or some tracts, where I think they will do great good. If our Presbyterian people, who have means, could but see the good the Board's publications do, and know the joy they bring to many desolate families, they would not give so meagerly to the Board's Missionary Fund.”



*How Colportage Works.*

An earnest and very successful colporteur in *South-western Missouri* writes as follows:

"I have been on a tour for several weeks, and have great cause for thankfulness to God that he has been pleased to bless my labors. In one village I determined to canvass the town, and make thorough work. So, after committing all to God's care and direction, I began to visit every family, conversing and praying in almost every house, and distributing a great many tracts and small books. I got a good old Methodist brother also to distribute tracts for me. There had some time before been a prayer-meeting in the village, but it had died out. So this good old Methodist came to the Presbyterian minister's study, and there we 'two or three' had most precious seasons of prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit on this whole region. I spent several days in talking and distributing tracts among the people on the streets, and in the stores and workshops. I also left tracts in the law offices. One prominent lawyer denied the influences of the Spirit, and claimed the power to abstract the mind from anything he chose. I said to him, 'Friend, if the Holy Spirit should impress your mind with the necessity of being born again, you could not get rid of the idea.' He stared at me, but said nothing. Three days afterwards he came half a mile to talk to me. He said one of my tracts had set him to thinking. He had, however, very erroneous ideas, and wanted to dispute with me. I gave him the tracts '*Quench not the Spirit*,' and '*The Nature of Conversion*.' In a few days he was an earnest seeker after salvation, and ultimately rejoiced in the hope of eternal life.

"Our prayer-meetings increased in interest. It was evident the Spirit of God was at work. Many an eye was tearful when several persons asked to be prayed for. The people of God were greatly encouraged. In a neighboring community, where there was no preaching, I held a prayer-meeting twice; also talking and distributing tracts. In still another we established a prayer-meeting, in which advice and personal counsel were given. In all these my little books and tracts were of the greatest value. Two lovely little girls have come to Jesus, and are now working for him. Six boys have determined to live for Jesus. A young lawyer, who had imbibed the principles of infidelity, hunted up

some of my tracts and read them. I sold him a copy of Hodge's '*Outlines of Theology*,' which he is now faithfully studying. We trust the work will deepen. Many business men in this community are thinking and examining the subject of religion. A Universalist, to whom I gave the book '*Universalism False*,' has renounced that error and is inquiring for the true light.

"Several remarkable deaths in the vicinity increased the interest in the community, and set people to thinking. An old man of sixty, with whom I talked, became so aroused that he sought me again, asked my prayers, and bought a little book. In a few days he found peace with God. As I drove into the village one day I found a pack of cards. Curiosity led me to pick them up. A few minutes after I overtook two young men from the country going into school. One of these said he had thrown away the cards. Said he, 'I passed by the saddler's shop, and took from his gatepost a tract which told me of the evil of gambling.' It was a tract I had placed there. I talked kindly to them, and gave them more tracts. Both of these have since embraced the blessed Saviour. Thus the Lord made use of that tract on gambling.

"At a certain house, no person being in sight, I dropped some leaflets into the open window. At the dusk of evening, as I was passing again, I overheard two little girls say, as they ran to meet their father, 'See these two tracts which some one threw into our window. Won't you read them?' He was a wicked man, but how could he resist that request? He did read them, and the next day he asked for the prayers of God's people.

"Many of the people in this country are very poor. One day, as I was riding over rough hills covered with brush, I came to where a woodchopper lived in a shed covered with sods of earth. There a woman and several small children dwelt—filthy, wretched, and ignorant. I gave them some tracts, conversed with them, and pointed them to Christ. The husband spent his money for strong drink. At the wife's request I drove a mile to see him in the woods. At first he was disrespectful. I talked persuadingly, and at last he said, 'Well, if I could get good enough, I would try to be converted.' I told him to look to Jesus, who was able to subdue his appetite for drink, and to convert his soul. We knelt together by a log while I asked for God's blessing upon him. When we arose he caught me by the hand, saying: 'Thank you,

sir, for coming here to-day. By God's help, I'll try to be a better man.' Two weeks ago I passed that way again. I found the family now living in a new log cabin, without a floor to be sure, but far more comfortably. Sitting down to a frugal meal, he asked a blessing. I saw that a great change had taken place. Said he, 'A hard struggle I've had, but when I feel the appetite returning I go straight to the throne of grace. I can't cure myself, but God can cure me.'

"There is something grand in a life spent in patient labors of love. 'Tis sweet to endure the hardships of a frontier life in travel for Jesus' sake. It is impossible to estimate the value of colportage, especially among the ignorant and destitute. This region is fast filling up with mixed multitudes. There are great numbers who have no definite knowledge of Christ and his gospel."

*Among the Mountaineers.*

How little do many city-bred people know of the condition of large masses of the people of their own country. The following simple story, not intended for publication, will give to such persons a hint of the work to be done in our country for the instruction and elevation of the people. It is from one of the Colporteurs of the Board of Publication.

"Perhaps it would be pleasant for you to spend a moment surveying my fields in this mountain region in which I labor. About the year 1806 a minister passed through here as a missionary, and at various points established preaching places. No other denomination occupied the field for years. The children grew up believing that 'The Door to the Church' was *under* the water. Some years later another denomination sent preachers through this region, teaching that 'God could know all things if he would, but he does not choose to!' Both of these branches of the church licensed men to preach who could scarcely read. It is not strange that the people have been taught many things for 'Bible Truths,' of which you have scarcely heard.

"Our people are generally honest and industrious, and naturally of good minds. They are coming to the conclusion that their religious teaching has not been what it ought to be. I think the doctrines of our Church when properly understood will be well received. It will take some time and labor to correct the various false '*isms*' so long scattered here. I have sold many theological

books to ministers of six or seven different denominations. They are using them, and I think to their profit, in the pulpit. Selling to ministers opens the way to sell to their church members and to Sabbath-schools.

"I have a hard time, riding in all kinds of weather—wet and cold, and hot—on bad roads, along bridle-paths, through the woods, generally going without dinner. But I am content in my work, hoping that if I faithfully toil for Christ, I shall reap as I have sown. When I see how eagerly religious reading is sought for by many poor ones, I think that I may do some good by carrying the book or tract for their comfort.

"Mr. ——— wished me to attend Presbytery, but I had to tell him that I had not a suit of clothes suitable to appear in before that body, and thought I would rather give the price in books and tracts to the destitute, and do with what clothes I had. Could your wealthy citizens see the destitution and the wants of our mountaineers, I think they would be surprised, and would be ready to give of their abundance to help the spiritual wants of the poor in these mountains. Many of our people are rejoicing in a Saviour's love. But what will become of the youth without religious reading?"

*From a Missionary Field.*

Our brethren in the missionary fields of the far-west know how to appreciate the free-handed help given to them by the Board of Publication in the shape of supplies of books and tracts. The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Wyoming, held at Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

"As a Presbytery, we owe deep gratitude to the Board of Publication, whose invaluable aid has furnished us with those weapons and tools which we, as laborers in the frontier fields, stand in need of. We are thus greatly encouraged, as we are striving against pernicious doctrines, as well as watering and planting these waste places."

*From Another Missionary Field.*

The Synod of Minnesota, in whose bounds the Board has had several colporteurs at work, at its last meeting adopted a report on Publication containing the following:

"In this day in which we live the press is a mighty power. It is a power which Satan is using with tremendous energy against the truth, and in the interests of error, infidelity, licentiousness, and every kind of evil. The Church must be in earnest in her efforts to counteract him by the diffusion of a sound Christian literature. This work is needed among our own Presbyterian churches and people. In this day of active aggression in all matters of opinion and doctrine, no denomination can expect to *stand firmly*, much less to *expand* its dimensions as it ought, without a large and wise use of the press. A good Christian and Calvinistic literature *must* be placed in the hands and houses of our own people for their instruction and edification. They need to have our Church standards, and works illustrating and enforcing the doctrines we hold, *brought to their own houses*. They need books and tracts adapted to expose and refute the protean errors industriously propagated all around them.

"No wise pastor will fail to seek and welcome the help of such publications scattered among his people; no one should be indifferent to this lay agency, which carries the gospel invitation to great masses of people living and dying beyond the reach of the ministry and of sanctuary privileges. A volume, or a tract placed in their hands, may be a preacher sent from God to guide them to the Redeemer and to heaven."

Similar testimonies come to the Board from many missionary fields in the vast and more thinly settled portions of our land. The cry everywhere is, "Give us more col-porteurs! More books! More tracts!" The Board is doing the best it possibly can do for these fields, considering the small amount placed at its disposal by the Church for this work. But it ought to have its Missionary Fund *not only replenished, but enlarged*.

*Testimony from West Virginia.*

The Presbytery of West Virginia covers the entire State of that name, and among its mountains and valleys are numerous and promising missionary fields. The Presbytery itself, by its Committee of Benevolence and Finance, says: "Many parts of our commonwealth are *not only destitute of the means of grace*, but a much larger part is *at the mercy of ignorant (nay, many of them false) teachers*." The Board



of Publication has three colporteurs at work in that Presbytery, and of them the Presbytery says:

“Our Board of Publication is doing a noble work in many of the destitute places in our bounds. Our colporteurs are busily engaged in circulating a most excellent Christian literature, and one which, in the more remote districts, is being eagerly sought after by many of the people. Their number, however, ought to be increased many fold, and sent with the printed page into all our bounds as forerunners of the minister. *We know, from personal observation, that this has been, and must continue to be one of our most useful auxiliaries in the work of bringing the people under the influence of a pure gospel.*”

*Thanks from Colorado.*

Some months ago the Board sent a donation of Sabbath-school books and papers to a home missionary laboring at the town of Fairplay, in Colorado. He returns thanks in the following terms:

“We can hardly express to you the thankfulness we feel for this generous donation. It was just what we greatly needed, but knew not how to obtain. Now we have good books to sing from. The library books, especially for the older classes, are very acceptable, as there is a great dearth of reading matter—especially of good, substantial books—among the people here. We are still under the necessity of worshipping in our old log school-house, at a great disadvantage. Be assured the people are very grateful for your gift. It will also more than ever enlist their interest in our church enterprise and in the cause of Christ.”

Great numbers of missionaries and young church organizations throughout the great West can bear the same testimony.

The new Synod of Colorado, which includes the above-mentioned Presbytery of Wyoming, embraces several extended Presbyteries, and covers several of the vast Territories of our central western regions. Nearly every home missionary in that Synod has received as a donation from the Board of Publication, a supply of suitable books and tracts for distribution, and nearly every Sabbath-school

organized in that Synod has received a grant of books, papers, and other needed literary facilities.

### *A Stranger's Testimony.*

The Rev. Dr. Berkley, of Dublin, Ireland, a distinguished member of the recent Evangelical Alliance, in speaking to the Synod of Philadelphia, in October last, laid great emphasis on the value of *Colportage*, especially on the work of trained men in this department of Christian work. He stated that in Ireland they depended largely on the efforts of colporteurs to meet the inroads of Romanism and of High-church exclusiveness, *and very greatly on the distribution of the positive Christian literature of the Presbyterian Church.* We believe that such dependence is as reasonable for America as for Ireland. Why should we not preach and teach what we fully believe to be the doctrines of God's word, in tracts and books distributed in the homes of the people by the colporteur, as well as in the pulpit?

### *Our Bound Tracts.*

A missionary in Wisconsin acknowledges the receipt of a set of our bound tracts in the following words:

"Allow me to thank you for the books, and also to say that, had I known their value, I should long ago have sacrificed something, or denied myself something, in order to become their owner. I have already obtained material for a number of sermons from them. And, more than this, they are the best *index* of our Board's tract publications ever placed in the hands of our ministry. I think a minister's library is lamentably incomplete without them. I fully believe that if they were more widely circulated and read by pastors and others who influence the people, much of the prevailing misunderstanding of what the Board is now doing in its tract work would be effectually removed. I have found the books most interesting and suggestive."

### *Books for the Indians.*

A missionary laboring among the Indians at Lapwai, in *Idaho Territory*, writes as follows:

"The kind and valuable donation of books from the Board

reached us safely some weeks ago. As our Indian youth reach the ability to read, it is very important to have something attractive and useful to put into their hands. Nearly half the scholars in our school are thus able to use profitably the books you have sent. It is also a great aid to their teacher to have something with which to interest them on the Sabbath ; for not having their usual study and work on that day the hours pass heavily by. Books, useful to any class of children, have, in the hands of our Indian children, an additional use. They become interested in the story ; words occur which they do not understand. This leads to inquiry of the teacher, and they thus happily make progress in the study of our language.

“Another blessing the books brought us. Immediately on receiving them we organized a Sabbath-school, the first enjoyed here. The Indian children of the school, and the white children of the families of the employees, together constitute the school. Our Agent, Mr. J. B. Monteith, was appointed assistant superintendent. I would gladly have included the adult Indian population, and the native children not in the school, but have no means of teaching them as yet.

“I am preparing a translation of the Board’s *Catechism for Young Children* ; which, with alphabet, vocabulary, and a few easy lessons in reading, will make a book much needed.

“In behalf of all interested in the good work here, and especially in behalf of the natives who can profit by your gift, I render to the Board most hearty thanks for the valuable and very beautiful donation made us.”

#### *Our Tracts in Mexico.*

One interesting part of the work of the Board is the gratuitous distribution of tracts in the *Spanish* language in various parts of our sister Republic of *Mexico*. A number of grants have within the last two years been sent by the Board to that country. The following letter in regard to one of these has been received from the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, a missionary of our Foreign Board. It is written from the City of Mexico, and is dated last month. It is as follows :

“It gives me great pleasure to report that your very timely and generous grant has come to hand. I have felt like thanking

you before, but thought it better to delay until the publications were received. All things considered, I think this is *the best collection of Spanish tracts I have yet seen*. In point of execution the publications reflect credit upon the Board. This is but a subordinate point, but by no means to be overlooked. It has more to do in securing a favorable attention than most persons suppose. For instance, I have already heard of one case in point. A young man was handed one of these works a few days ago. His first impulse was to destroy it, but it was so neat in appearance he hesitated a moment—opened it—and as he glanced through it, his attention was arrested by the words, ‘*Gloria sea al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espiritu Santo,*’ (‘Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.’) ‘So these protestants believe in the Trinity! Well, I guess I will keep this and see for myself what they do believe.’ The result is that now he counts himself a Protestant.

“You see the Romish priests teach the people all manner of lies about the Protestants and their tracts and books. For instance, several converts testify that their ‘Cura’ (priest) had told his congregation that the Protestants hated Jesus, that as soon as they entered the door of their place of worship, they began to blaspheme, and walking to the opposite end of the room where they had an image of the Saviour lying upon a table with his face downwards, each one inflicted more or less blows upon him.

“Another instance has been told me by those whose truthfulness is above suspicion. In anticipation of one of the Romish feast days, some selections of Scripture were printed upon leaflets, and circulated among the thousands that had gathered at the place of their annual celebration. The priests soon learned of this and secured some leaflets. Then calling the people about them, they told them that they were the vile tracts of the Protestants, that they must not read a word of them, but must give them up at once. That they, (the *priests*,) would prove from these very tracts how wicked these Protestants were. Now the first selection upon the leaflet was the *Lord’s Prayer*. One of the priests pretended to read from this as follows: ‘Our Father which art in *hell*.’ ‘See now,’ said the priest, ‘these Protestants worship the devil, as you see by these words, and so too they confess that they are the children of the devil, for they call him their father.’

“Although many read the words for themselves only a moment before, just as it is in the Bible, they accepted the *reading* of the

priest at once, and collecting all they could of the leaflets, they made a bonfire of them in the public Plaza, (some, however, were secreted, and afterwards hidden in honest hearts.) Whatever helps to secure these tracts a reading is of service, and should not be overlooked.

"I cannot tell you how acceptable and timely your grant is. And what has made it even more so, is the prompt and cordial manner in which it was made, as evidenced by the tone of your letter. I am sure your prayers will follow the gift—and us in our work. And in return you will not be forgotten by us."

*Books in Japan.*

How strange it is—but so it is—that the books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, in English, are being freely bought by the people of Japan from their own Japanese booksellers.

The Board sent quite a lot of its publications, at his request, to the Rev. C. Carothers, of Yedo. Mr. Carothers was burned out, but happily the books had not arrived. He now has in Yedo a depot of Christian books, and writes asking for an addition to his diminishing stock. He says:

"I have a native Christian who attends to the sale of the books, I merely superintending. Since the store has been opened, the sale of religious books has far surpassed any of our expectations. Of course most of the sales are in the Chinese and Japanese languages, but there is likewise a large demand for Christian books in the English, German and French. As the country gradually opens up to education and Christianity, the demand for Christian literature will correspondingly increase.

"We all think that this bookstore which has just been established, through God's blessing, will be the means of doing very much to establish the kingdom of Christ in this land. The books are taken throughout the whole length and breadth of the land, and will make known the glad news of salvation to many that could not possibly be reached by any other means. The most interesting feature about the distribution of books, is that they are sought after and purchased from *native booksellers* (who have bought from me), at double and treble the price at which I sell them. This is not at all rare. Several native booksellers are making money by selling Christian books at exorbitant prices. How rejoiced Christians



should be to know that there is such a desire to learn about the true God. Much of this desire may be prompted by mere curiosity, but such curiosity should be encouraged, and we should labor to satisfy it."

*Our "Visitors" Welcomed by the Poor.*

A faithful Home Missionary laboring in one of the mountainous districts of Pennsylvania, writes as follows, with regard to his use of our paper for the young:

"The donation of *Sabbath-school Visitors* to our Sabbath-schools has been such an essential help in my work, that special acknowledgments are due. In our small hamlets, and in dwellings all through our woods, the *Sabbath-school Visitors* have conveyed pleasure and profit every two weeks, and in many instances have been the only religious literature meeting the eye of persons profane and careless, or poor and isolated. At a shanty in the hemlock forest, by which my appointments take me semi-monthly, eight girls and boys, and more men and women, are always on the lookout for my passing; and as the papers and tracts are distributed among them, you ought to see their joy and hear their glad shouts. I would that children living comfortably in towns, with plenty of papers and books, could be with me sometimes and witness the use and pleasure given by scattering in by-places these bright leaves of life published by our Board; for sure I am they would then delight to contribute steadily to enable the Board freely to give to those who cannot buy.

"I do pray our Father in heaven, who is the Father of our Lord, and of these scattered poor people as well, that he would continue to stir up the minds of his thoughtful and liberal folks so that there might be no lack in your missionary fund. Do please try and renew our supply of *Sabbath-school Visitors* for the next year. We take up collections ourselves for the Board of Publication, but it is a day of small things on my mission field."

We hope this prayer may be heard and answered.

*Scatter the Sabbath-School Visitors.*

In *Minnesota* one of our home missionaries found himself unable to secure money to pay for the fifty *Sabbath-school Visitors* he needed for his work. Having received

help for this from the Board of Publication, he writes in joyful strains, and tells how he does good on his fields with these children's papers. His words are worth reading, for they suggest a cheap mode of reaching many homes and hearts. A dollar thus invested will go a great way. He says:

"It did me much good to-day to receive such an answer to my letter. I know that the *Visitor* has done much good here. I consider it the first among the multitude of Sabbath-school papers. Without one cent promised me by my field, and depending upon the Board, I did not see how I could pay for it. During ten years on this field, I have circulated thousands of Sabbath-school papers, and have got the name of 'Sabbath-school Paper Man.' Many times meeting teams going west, with whole families, I distributed reading matter, gave them something good, and asked God to bless his word. I have received good reports from many after they have settled hundreds of miles beyond us.

"Four miles east of one of my preaching points I had to pass a group of three houses. I first found the children playing, gave them papers, and asked them to go right in and have mother or father read them, as this was the Sabbath day, and they should not play. After doing this a few times, I could see them ready for me long before I reached the house. They seemed to know my time for passing, and could see my buggy-top, and knew who was there. I have heard them call to each other, 'Run, run; come, quick! here comes the Sabbath-school paper man!' If you could only see such a sight, and know what good a Sabbath-school paper given to children could do, you would say, 'I will do what I can to supply God's servant with them, that these poor ignorant children may hear of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.'

"A few days since, I asked a young lady to ride, as I was returning from preaching. She knew me, though I did not know her. She referred to papers distributed by me several years before, saying that they had done her good. She was glad to see me, and to talk of Jesus, and was deeply interested about her soul. These Sabbath-school papers, with Jesus in them, had done her good.

"Dear brother, keep on filling your paper for the children with JESUS. When this young lady talked to me, I wished I had

greater numbers to distribute to the children. They have done good; they are doing good; they will do good by the blessing of God. I thank you for offering to help me, in the name of Jesus, to do good. May the Lord be with you, and may he direct his servant in his work."

*Cheering Words from Michigan.*

An earnest and successful pastor writes as follows from *Michigan*:

"I cannot see how we could have got along as well as we have done and made the advance we have, in the two churches for several years under my care, without the aid of the Board of Publication in the donation to us of *doctrinal tracts, Confessions of Faith, Manuals, Hymn and Tune Books*, and, not least, of Sabbath-school books. The benefit has not ceased with the reception and use of the books given us. The moral influence and encouragement to struggling young churches cannot well be estimated by the wealthier and stronger churches. I have had some experience in organizing new churches. During the last ten years of my work in Michigan, at least five churches have been hewn out of the wilderness in the regions beyond where Providence sent me—then the frontier. In every case I could say to the poor isolated Christian families yearning for church privileges—'Do not despair. The Presbyterian Church is mindful of your necessities. It will not only help you to secure and sustain a preacher, but its Board of Publication will send you Hymn Books (*and it did in every case*); it will send you Sabbath-school books and tracts, and thus supply your needs.' Some of these churches have grown and are prosperous. Some now have pastors, others stated supplies, and some only occasional preaching. But however feeble, all have our books and tracts in their homes, for the work we missionaries could only commence, the colporteur is carrying on. Instead of getting discouraged, these young churches are thus encouraged to work on, pray on, and keep up meetings. One elder, a farmer, reads sermons from a volume furnished by the Board, and with no help except a colporteur's occasional visit and two or three sermons by ministers who went to them out of pity. He has thus not only kept his church together, but when, in giving his narrative, a minister asked him what compensation he had received

from the church for his labors,—‘*Received,*’ said the plain old farmer, ‘*I received nine members into the church.*’

“Our colporteur goes from field to field, strengthening the things that remain; organizing a Sabbath-school here, a prayer-meeting there, and scattering gospel seed everywhere. The result is that these feeble churches are hopeful. They say, the grand old Presbyterian Church throws her arms around her poor and distant children. They feel themselves under obligations of loyalty to her as a cherishing mother. They love her, they pray for her, and their precious mites come into her treasury. May it not reverently be said that they of their penury, have cast into that treasury oftentimes more than they all, who, in the name of economy would take these crumbs of help from them.”

### *Conversions through Colportage.*

A most intelligent and devoted pastor, writing from *Colorado*, says:

“The Colportage work has done much for our missionary fields. We have met and conversed with *not a few* who refer their conversion to the printed tract or religious book brought by the faithful colporteur to their homes. *We know of one church, on the slope of the mountain, made up almost exclusively of persons who were brought to Christ through this humble agency.* There are districts of country which cannot be reached by settled pastors, whose fields of labor are necessarily circumscribed. There are settlements and scattered homes that may not be visited in our day, unless we can send to them the tract distributor, who should drop the seeds of divine truth along the way, the fruit of which may be gathered after he has passed forever from sight. Our missionaries, on their knees if need be, will plead with our Assembly to give all the churches of the land an opportunity to contribute annually to an agency which God has so signally blessed, and to which they have been so greatly indebted in the prosecution and supplementing of their own arduous work.”

### III. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTENTATION.

The receipts into the Treasury from all sources during the year, including the balance of \$9,520.31 on hand at the beginning of the year, have been \$240,647.91.

The total of expenditures during the year has been \$228,414.93.

The balance in the Treasury at the end of the year (March 31, 1874) is \$12,232.98.

The Treasurer's account, which will be found in the Appendix to this Report, gives the details of receipts and expenditures.

THE VALUE OF PUBLICATIONS DISPOSED OF during the year has been:

Sales by the Bookstore, . . . .	\$62,974.58	
Through the Missionary Department:		
Sales by Colporteurs, . . . .	\$42,004.69	
Donations by Colporteurs, . .	8,519.40	
Grants by Missionary Committee, 9,519.79—	60,043.88	
		\$123,018.46
Receipts from Sabbath-school Visitor, . . . .	\$18,886.62	
Receipts from the Presbyterian at Work, . . . .	24,398.60	
Receipts from the Monthly Record, . . . .	6,220.62	
		49,505.84
Total . . . .		\$172,524.30

This total includes credit sales, and of course does not agree with the Treasurer's account, which exhibits only cash received.

### DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES.

The subject of a new distribution of expenses to the several departments of the Board's work has engaged the prolonged and careful attention of the Board and its several committees. During the past years it has not been felt important to draw very distinctly a dividing line. The office expenses of the Missionary Department, except the salary of the Superintendent of Colportage (\$1,500) and a



few incidental expenses, have been paid by the Business Department, in view of the benefits derived from the sale of the publications by the colporteurs on the field.

As the Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work is not a collecting or disbursing officer, or in any way engaged in performing what can properly be called office work, any more than is a home or foreign missionary or a colporteur, his salary and expenses were not regarded as office expenses. His principal work is to circulate through all our churches a knowledge of "healthful improvements in the work of Sabbath-schools," and "by visiting Synods, Presbyteries and congregations, and assisting at Sabbath-school meetings in connection with these bodies, to impart information, stimulate interest, and excite liberality." (See *Assembly's Minutes*, 1871, p. 523.)

A new arrangement has now been determined upon, under which the salaries and expenses of all officers are to be charged to the departments with which they are severally connected; and where an officer performs duties belonging to more than one branch of the business, his salary is to be divided in proportion to the service rendered. It may be seen that some of the salaries are thus divided in the Treasurer's Report herewith published. A charge is also now made against each for the boxes, postage, stationery, freight, advertisements, etc., properly belonging to each. The cost of the Annual Report is also divided to the Departments in proportion to the space occupied by each, in that publication.

It has also been determined by the Board, that in view of the benefits accruing to it from the wide circulation of its publications by the Missionary Department, an annual allowance on all its purchases (except tracts) shall be made to it by the Business Department.

The Board confidently believes that the above arrangement in regard to its expenses will be regarded by the Church with satisfaction, and trusts it may receive the approval of the General Assembly.

## THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The contributions to the benevolent or missionary work of the Board during the year have amounted to \$47,798.48

Directly for the same work there has been expended:

1st. For compensation to colporteurs engaged in the distribution, by means of personal effort and solicitation, of a sound religious literature in accord with the views of our Church,	\$28,418.22
2d. For expenses of colporteurs,	7,410.41
3d. For freights of colporteurs,	2,238.09

The value of the books actually sold through this agency has amounted to \$42,004.69 net; and there must also be taken into consideration in estimating the return for the expenditure for the purely benevolent work of the Board, the services and labors of the colporteurs in religious visitation from house to house.

4th. For net value of books given away, (catalogue value \$18,039.19,) . . . . .	12,722.22
5th. For salary of Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work, . . . . .	3,000.00
6th. For travelling expenses of Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work, . . . . .	555.89

This makes a total of . . . . .	54,344.83
And deducting the contributions as above, . . . . .	47,798.48

It leaves . . . . . 6,546.35  
 more than the amount received from churches and individuals for the benevolent work of the Board, which has been met and paid out of the gross profits on the business. This amount is more than enough to cover all the office expenses, properly so-called, of the Missionary Department, for this year. It is confidently hoped that the same will be the case in future years.

The Board's Business Department is self-sustaining. Its

publishing and commercial operations are carried forward wholly upon the profit of its sales. On the other hand money given to the Missionary Fund, whether in contributions from churches or individuals, or in legacies, is wholly and sacredly devoted to the benevolent or missionary work of the Board. It is used in paying the salaries and expenses of colporteurs, and the cost of the books and tracts gratuitously distributed by them or granted by the Missionary Committee, also in defraying the expenses of the new Sabbath-school Department.

The *first Sabbath in May* has been designated by former General Assemblies as the time for churches to take an annual collection for this Board. That day was also recommended in a circular issued by the General Assembly's Committee of Benevolence and Finance. In view of the great and growing importance of the work to be thus sustained, every pastor and stated supply is earnestly requested, unless some other preferred arrangement has been made to accomplish this end, to present on that day to his congregation the work and wants of this cause, and solicit a generous contribution.

The entire amount of books, tracts, and Sabbath-school papers given away during the past year, in grants from the Missionary Committee and through colporteurs, has been \$18,039.19.

The number of churches contributing during the year just ended, including 135 which gave to the Synodical Board at Pittsburgh, and 509 contributing through the Assembly's Committee of Benevolence and Finance, has been 2111.

Never was there a time in the history of the Presbyterian Church or of our world, when there was a more imperative need to have a sound Calvinistic literature abundantly diffused. The printing-press is year by year becoming a greater and greater power in the earth. Satan well understands that power and is vigorously using it. Popery and infidelity are likewise employing it with tremendous effect. Let now our grand, reunited Presby-

terian Church, having a noble catalogue of publications ready to her hand, and a highly educated ministry and membership ready to make additions to it—let *her* not prove recreant to her high position and her sacred trust. Let her not fail to furnish ample means to scatter, by the printed page, the precious truth committed to her keeping, among her own people, in the destitute places of the land, and unto the utmost ends of the earth.

The term of office of the following members will expire in May, 1874, viz :

## MINISTERS.

Rev. Alexander Reed, D.D.,  
Rev. J. Grier Ralston, D.D.,  
Rev. Robert M. Patterson,  
Rev. Thomas Murphy, D.D.,  
Rev. James M. Crowell, D.D.,  
Rev. Stephen W. Dana,  
Rev. Richard H. Allen, D.D.,  
Rev. William T. Eva.

## LAYMEN.

Theodore W. Baker,  
John Sibley,  
James T. Young,  
H. Lenox Hodge, M.D.,  
William Montelius,  
George W. Mears,  
William E. Camp,  
Horatio B. Lincoln.

The Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D., the Rev. J. L. Withrow, D.D., and Mr. George W. Simons have tendered their resignations as members of the Board, the former two because of their removal to distant fields of labor. The term of Mr. Simons would have expired regularly in May, 1875; the terms of Dr. Johnson and of Dr. Withrow in May, 1876.

# APPENDIX.

## BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

APRIL 1, 1874.

	DEBIT BALANCES.	CREDIT BALANCES.
Capital Stock,.....		\$393,446 16
Merchandise, .....	\$190,672 63	
S. D. Powel, Treasurer, .....	12,232 98	
Bills Receivable,.....	970 23	
Bonds and Mortgages,.....		68,000 00
Sinking Fund, .....		3,986 57
Real Estate,.....	152,133 33	
Perpetual Insurance Account,.....	3,030 50	
Library Account,.....	2,609 08	
Engravings,.....	25,526 32	
Stereotype Plates,.....	74,479 37	
Missionary Fund,.....		2,435 55
Monthly Record,.....	1,190 97	
Sabbath-school Visitor,.....	531 13	
Presbyterian at Work,.....		9,597 14
Sundry Personal Accounts, Debit,	14,163 96	
“ “ “ Credit,		75 08
	<u>\$477,540 50</u>	<u>\$477,540 50</u>

*E. E., April, 1874.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. D. POWEL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1873.		Dr.	
April 1.	To Balance in hands this date.....		\$9,520 31
1874.			
March 31.	" Cash received—Sales of Books by bookstore.....	\$65,862 86	
	" " " " by Colporteurs.....	50,939 14	
	" " " Rents of Building.....		116,802 00
	" " " Borrowed at Bank.....		3,189 17
	" " " Interest from deposits in Bank.....		12,000 00
	" " " Repair account, for old material sold.....		378 00
	" " " Interest from Permanent Funds not held by the Board.....		379 18
	" " " Insurance, premiums returned.....		797 40
	" " " from Missionary Department—Contributions of Churches.....		277 53
	" " " from Periodical Department.....		47,798 48
			49,505 84
			<u>\$240,647 91</u>

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March 31.	By Cash paid acct	Depository per Schedule No. 1.....	\$120,941 97
"	" " " Missionary Department, per Schedule No. 2.....		64,854 90
"	" " " Periodical " " No. 3.....		42,618 06
			<u>\$228,414 93</u>
		Balance.....	<u>\$12,232 98</u>

PHILADELPHIA, April 1, 1874.

S. D. POWEL, *Treasurer*.

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the accounts of S. D. Powel, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, find them correct, and that the balance in his hands April 1st, 1874, was twelve thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$12,232 98).

GUSTAVUS S. BENSON, }  
JOHN SIBLEY, } *Auditing Committee*.

\* The Board of Publication furnishes gratuitously the rooms occupied by the Board of Education, Ministerial Relief Committee, Missionary Department of the Board of Publication, Trustees of the General Assembly, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, &c., which, if rented to other parties, would increase the receipts of the Board about \$6000 per annum—besides the large assembly room, which is constantly used without charge by Presbyteries, missionary societies, and other instrumentalities of the Church.

## Schedule No. 1. Business Department.

Paper.....	\$10,307 23
Printing.....	\$3,160 08
Stereotyping.....	2,514 97
Binding.....	18,830 93
Engraving.....	146 75
Copyright.....	1,427 04
Merchandise.....	19,111 75
Advertising.....	3,568 87
Freight, Drayage, Cooperage, Boxes, Stationery and Twine...	850 13
Salary of Corresponding Secretary in part.....	1,500 00
“ “ Editorial Secretary “ “ .....	2,000 00
“ “ Business Superintendent.....	3,500 00
“ “ Treasurer in part.....	666 63
Salaries of Book-keeper, Salesmen, Clerks, Porter, Watchman and Engineer.....	10,060 78
Recording Clerk.....	100 00
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	\$17,827 41
Real Estate, Taxes and Water Rent.....	3,534 60
Improvements to Real Estate.....	3,256 04
Interest on Mortgages.....	4,080 00
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	10,870 64
Insurances .....	1,749 00
Postage .....	806 33
Gas and Coal.....	971 38
Loans from Bank, repaid.....	27,000 00
Discounts on loans from Bank.....	662 50
Incidentals.....	358 78
Books for Library.....	43 50
Travelling Expenses Business Superintendent.....	704 90
“ “ “ Editorial Secretary.....	29 78
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	734 68
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	\$120,941 97

## Schedule No. 2. Missionary Department.

Salary of Corresponding Secretary in part.....	\$2,000 00
“ “ Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work.....	3,000 00
“ “ “ Colportage.....	1,600 00
Compensation of Colporteurs.....	28,418 22
Expenses “ “ .....	7,410 41
Freights “ “ .....	2,238 09
Donations of Colporteurs and Committee, Catalogue price.....	18,039 19
Travelling Expenses of S. School Superintendent.....	555 89
“ “ “ Corresponding Secretary.....	70 79
Stationery, Boxes and Twine.....	362 93
Postage.....	301 62
Proportion of Expenses of Annual Report.....	655 44
Incidentals.....	202 27
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	\$64,854 90
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**Schedule No. 3. Periodical Department.***Monthly Record—*

Paper,.....	\$2,777 13
Printing,.....	1,890 79
Folding and Binding,.....	524 08
Salary of Agent in part,.....	750 00
Clerks' Salaries in part,.....	540 00
Incidentals, .....	112 23
	<hr/> \$6,594 23

*Sabbath-School Visitor—*

Paper,.....	11,315 60
Printing,.....	2,615 72
Electrotyping,.....	1,211 95
Folding and Binding,.....	1,309 80
Copyright,.....	225 00
Engraving,.....	13 00
Salary of Editorial Sec'y in part,.....	750 00
“ Agent “ .....	750 00
“ Treasurer “ .....	133 33
“ Clerks' “ .....	540 00
Advertising,.....	135 92
Postage,.....	134 19
Boxes, Stationery and Twine,.....	104 38
Freights and City delivery,.....	85 10
Travelling Expenses of Editorial Sec'y,...	14 88
Proportion of Annual Report,.....	22 70
Incidentals,.....	196 75
	<hr/> 19,558 32

*Presbyterian at Work—*

Paper,.....	8,595 67
Printing,.....	3,014 35
Electrotyping, .....	1,037 21
Copyright and Contributors,.....	875 00
Clerks' Salaries and extra labor,.....	904 10
Salary of Editorial Secretary in part,.....	750 00
“ “ Treasurer in part,.....	266 67
Advertising,.....	419 23
Travelling Expenses of Editorial Secretary	14 89
Postage,.....	217 10
Freight and City delivery,.....	95 98
Premiums and Commissions,.....	81 38
Proportion of Expenses of Annual Report,	45 40
Boxes and incidentals,.....	148 53
	<hr/> 16,465 51

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\$42,618 06

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SUMMARY.—Business Department.....	\$120,941 97
Missionary “ .....	64,854 90
Periodical “ .....	42,618 06

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\$228,414 93

Cash balance in Treasury,.....	12,232 98
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\$240,647 91

## APPENDIX.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE WILL SHOW THE DETAILS OF LABOR PERFORMED BY COLPORTEURS DURING THE YEAR.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES IN WHICH COLPORTEURS HAVE LABORED.	NAMES OF COLPORTEURS.	Days employed.	No. of Vols. sold.	No. of Vols. given away.	Pages of Tracts Distributed.	No. of Families visited.	Families convers'd or prayed with.	No. Sab. Schools visited.	New Sab. Schools organized.	REMARKS.
ATLANTIC.										
Atlantic,	Wm. A. Patton,	99	45	4	1,204	71	46	2		
Catawba,	Jas. T. McMahan,	110	306	23	1,500	270	55	22		
Fairfield,	Donald Gilmore,	122	388	86	9,232	1,906	758	8		
Yadkin,	W. H. Hargrave,	75	285	61	6,000	300	215	8		
BAITIMORE.										
Baltimore,	Alonzo Michael,	122	404	177	17,000	716	422	12	1	
Do,	B. F. Crowthers,	52	233	36	23,000	312	87	8		
New Castle,	G. W. Kennedy,	360	1,150	471	8,800	1,366	1,142			No Report.
Do.	Hugh Ellingsworth,									
CENTRAL NEW YORK.										
Otsego,	Geo. Ainslie,	125	391	59		1,380	800	18	1	
St. Lawrence,	S. D. Taitt,	87	695	392	13,750	669	410			
Syracuse,	Chas. Barnes,	122	547	135	3,240	3,798	1,791	7		
CINCINNATI.										
Dayton,	W. H. Rodgers,	154	609	293	7,814	879	634	59		
CLEVELAND.										
Cleveland,	J. A. Seymour, <i>Dist. Supt.</i>	270	1,052	119	23,090	5,337	5,337	53		
Do.	W. L. Rowland,	170	872	58	16,955	466	466	21		





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		Days employed.	No. of Vols sold.	No. of Vols. given.	Pages of Tracts given.	No. of Families visited.	Families convers'd or prayed with.	No. Sab. Schools visited.
ILLINOIS SOUTH.	Alton,	70	337	52	5,200	902	623	5
	do.	110	1,101	364	21,950	707	431	43
	Cairo,	129	577	491	37,321	1,750	1,116	36
	do.	41	50	43	2,280	125	104	
	do.	40	163	455	5,800	293	113	3
MATTOON,	John Masters,	50	182	455	8,000	336	172	16
	N. Williams,	16	60	8	7,500	204	140	8
INDIANA NORTH.	R. A. Guthrie,	365	1,441	1,115	19,500	1,713	1,413	16
	Crawfordsville,	211	820	180	11,868	825	703	32
	Fort Wayne,	60	312	79	2,859	358	299	10
	Logansport,	14	18	5	3,500	45	18	8
	Muncie,							
INDIANA SOUTH.	John McCrae,	13	60	312	4,540	303	110	4
	N. Albany,	78	380	40	12,000	820	237	14
	do.	15	41	7	500	92	70	2
WHITE WATER,	R. S. Ryker,	72	214	35	2,800	556	531	5
	Wm. M. Hankins,							
IOWA NORTH.	J. S. Duprey,	57	125	7	4,300	562	530	7
	Dubuque,	22	196	74	8,550	489	391	4
	do.	263	837	252	34,760	4,058	2,896	23
FORT DODGE,	J. S. Love,	57	209	17	7,496	1,143	732	9
	do.							

Waterloo, do.	R. J. Laughlin, H. Rose,	73 30	438 164	10 1	7,930 3,710	595 313	438 171	7 3
Iowa South.	Eben Fulton,	111	345	77	9,660	941	391	16
Council Bluffs, Des Moines, I.	R. S. Hughes,	95	275	125	14,228	839	507	17
Iowa,	J. Kerr,	348	1,507	141	26,980	4,775	2,217	33
Iowa City, do.	Henry Meyer,	97	491	21	6,750	1,088	850	11
Nebraska City, Omaha,	Jacob Pentzer,	89	570	156	6,244	995	529	8
KANSAS.	Chas. P. Dick,	33	303	101	5,608	261	84	4
Emporia, do.	J. P. Hittle,	16	71	14	3,998	130	71	
Neosho, Topeka,	A. D. Taylor,	154	314	278	11,000	755	524	23
KENTUCKY.	Chas. S. Mattison,	60	430		2,500	225	150	3
Ebenezer, do.	M. F. Folsom,	95	243	115	9,380	756	282	17
Louisville, do.	Joseph H. Reid,	4	23	3	1,500			
Transylvania, Long Island.	H. P. Thompson,							No Report.
Michigan.	J. P. Rainey,	39	141	2	358	134	82	No Report.
Grand Rapids, Saginaw,	J. B. Darned,	243	577	261	57,092	5,929	4,230	28
MINNESOTA.	W. J. Finley.	28	49	12	7,097	144	140	
Dakota,	J. B. Venable,	243		608		750	635	
	M. J. Garrison,	130	631	120	5,000	1,314	1,195	
	A. A. Hogue,	307	1,411	271	11,882	2,012	1,984	40
	D. M. Heydrick,	363	1,734	789	45,400	3,141	2,456	38
	James Graham, D. McLellan,	25	107	29	8,162	327	216	6
	C. M. Allen,							

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MINNESOTA.										Recently com.
Mankato,	Lewis D. Lewis,	220	25	107	3,192	196	91	3		
Do.	W. S. Bell,	781	117	43	17,308	1,186	619	14		
St. Paul,	Wm. S. Bell,	254	91		17,670	1,061	785	14		
Winona,	J. B. Andrews,	64	9		4,126	69	46	4		
Do.	R. B. Abbot,									
MISSOURI.										
Osage,	Alex. McCormick,	1,109	289	163	4,029	1,761	1,029	51	1	
Ozark,	Wm. A. McMinn,	336	177	439	20,200	1,539	1,424	30	5	
Do.	S. W. Griffin,	460	337	290	22,000	3,319	3,015	41	5	
Palmyra,	H. A. Tucker,	449	148	182	12,000	2,450	2,450	28	4	
Platte,	J. B. Akey,	357	105	109	9,174	835	338	6		
St. Louis,	R. Irwin, <i>Dist. Sup't.</i> ,	4,297	317	1,650	146,600	2,810	1,855	115		
Do.	J. F. Fenton,	806	213	172	26,000	855	669	16		
Do.	A. Swineford,	243	30	164	5,250	265	185	10		
NEW JERSEY.										
Monmouth,	Albert L. Kelly,	181	15	49	1,500	75	65		4	
Do.	Jno. V. N. De Hart,	847	222	660	72,435	934	630	16		
Morris and Orange,	Thos. E. Souper,	722	120	62	3,050	320	92	23		
New Brunswick,	N. Solomon,	129	16	1	718	194	53			
Newton,	T. E. Souper,	190	102	29	2,650	232	93	29	3	
West Jersey,	Wm. A. Simmons,	386	59	66	5,636	759	552	4		



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TENNESSEE.										
Union,	W. A. Mathes,	272	934	219	8,848	485	346	24	1	
do.	Ed. N. Sawtelle,	4	15	4	344	13	8			
TOLEDO.										
Bellefontaine.	J. D. Taitt,	87	575	244	11,954	512	512	5		
Maumee.	John Kelly,	354	2,136	171	7,130	1,096	1,640	32		
do.	M. Kochler,	16	77	10	6,000	100	100	10		
WESTERN NEW YORK.										
Buffalo,	Edwin Middleton,	96	505		880	608	127	37		
Genesee,	E. S. Walker,	291	1,834	230	10,797	1,606	1,173	28	1	
Niagara,	Wm. Glover,	360	971	32	9,281	943	924	30		
Rochester,	Chs. Keeler,	31		1	50	119	50	3		
WISCONSIN.										
Chippewa,	J. Irwin Smith,	3	337	6	6,100	32	20		1	
do.	D. Brown,	10	15	5	5,208	102	102	3		
Winnebago,	Chas. French,	206	483	144	55,530	2,809	1,723	35	3	
Wisconsin River,	S. M. Love,	157	308	81	17,292	1,539	1,296	30	4	
CANADA.	A. Kennedy,	318	3,200	38	10,308	200	160			
Donations by Missionary Committee, .	John Boyle,									No Report.
	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	53,413	1,442,115					
30 Synods, 97 Presb's,	136 Colporteurs,	15,816	71,196	73,971	3,132,433	129,765	90,918	1,748	76	



# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

## FOR THE

# COLPORTAGE FUND,

FROM APRIL 1, 1873 TO APRIL 1, 1874.

The work of *publishing* Books and Tracts is carried forward upon a capital contributed, several years ago, for that specific purpose, to which it is wholly and sacredly devoted. The churches are not called on to contribute *for the publishing department of the Board*; but the Board is obliged to depend on the contributions of the churches and benevolent individuals for the supply of its Colportage Fund. These contributions, therefore, are indispensable for the following uses, viz.

1. To pay the Salaries and Expenses incident to Colportage and the Sabbath-school work.

2. To pay for the large amount of Books and Tracts gratuitously distributed by Colporteurs.

3. To pay the Expenses of the Sabbath-school Department.

Just in proportion as the churches annually contribute to this Fund, is the Board able to do these things.

The following table exhibits the receipts of last year:

SYNOD OF ALBANY.		Keeseville	\$16 33	Troy Woodside	\$13 57
<i>Presbytery of Albany.</i>				Warrensburgh	5 00
Albany 2d	\$247 95		38 48	Waterford	32 88
Do 3d	20 00	<i>Presbytery of Columbia.</i>		Whitehall	18 20
Do 4th	50 00	Canaan Centre	23 00		723 16
Do 6th	1 98	Durham 1st	9 00	SYNOD OF ATLANTIC.	
Do State St	30 82	Greenville	17 50	<i>Presbytery of Atlantic.</i>	
Amsterdam 1st	8 40	Hudson	50 00	Charl's'n. Wallingf'd	5 00
Do 2d	98 00	Hunter	14 50	John's Island Zion	2 00
Carlisle	6 62	Jewett	16 20		
Charlton	8 00	Valatie	10 00		
Conklingville	2 00		140 20		7 00
Day	1 00	<i>Presbytery of Troy.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Catawba.</i>	
Galway	5 20	Cambridge	14 54	Concord	36 00
Gloversville	44 25	Fort Edward	3 00	Poplar Tent	2 00
Jefferson	5 14	Glen's Falls	24 00	Reem's Creek	5 00
Johnstown	40 46	Johnsonville	4 00		43 00
Kingsboro	16 50	Lansingburg 1st	25 00	<i>Presbytery of Fairfield.</i>	
Mariaville	7 00	Do Olivet	15 14	Laurens	2 00
Princeton	16 60	North Granville	56 75	Pitts	2 00
Schenectady 1st	59 59	Pittstown	2 00		
Do E. av.	13 00	Salem	20 00		
Tribe's Hill	3 00	Schaghticoke	24 00		
	685 51	Troy 1st	205 00		
<i>Presbytery of Champlain.</i>		Do 2d	258 28		
Au Sable Forks	18 15	Do Westminster	2 00		
Chateaugay	4 00				

<i>Presbytery of Knox.</i>		<i>Pres. of Washington City.</i>		Oswego, Grace	\$49 83
Antioch	\$ 50	Alexandria 1st	\$5 00	Syracuse 1st	51 50
<i>Presbytery of Yadkin.</i>		Amelia	7 00	Do Park Cen-	
Greensboro'	1 00	Clifton	10 00	tral,	34 70
Louisburgh	3 00	Darnestown	10 00		<hr/>
Mocksville	3 50	Georgetown, Bridge			222 69
Mount Pleasant	3 00	St,	50 00	<i>Presbytery of Utica.</i>	
Mount Vernon	1 00	Manassas	3 00	Camden	6 00
Mount Zion	50	Prince William 1st	3 00	Clayville	3 00
Salisbury	55	Washington 4th	7 75	Clinton	33 07
Statesville	1 53	Do Gurley	5 00	Deerfield	1 00
White Hall	3 00		<hr/>	Forestport and Al-	
	<hr/>		100 75	der Creek	1 00
17 08		SYNOD OF CENTR'L N. YORK.		Knoxboro'	4 50
<i>SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.</i>		<i>Presby. of Binghamton.</i>		Little Falls	51 05
<i>Presbytery of Baltimore.</i>		Cortland	37 52	New Hartford	16 67
Baltimore 1st	150 00	Deposit	16 70	New York Mills	48 65
Do 12th	20 50	McGrawville	27 50	Oneida	27 01
Do Aisquith St,	5 00	Nichols	5 00	Oriskany	2 83
Do Brown Mc-		Nineveh	25 00	Rome	17 05
morial,	18 01	Owego	20 90	Utica 1st	43 10
Balt. Westminster,	122 75		<hr/>	Do Bethany	83 03
Bel Air	2 00		132 62	Do Westminster	10 00
Deer Cr'k, Harm'y	11 71	<i>Presbytery of Otsego.</i>		Westernville	18 75
Emmitsburgh	12 85	Cooperstown	57 25		<hr/>
Franklinville	4 31	Hamden	3 00		371 76
Frederick	4 00	New Berlin	6 00	<i>SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.</i>	
Fallstown	1 00	Otego	4 00	<i>Presb. of Chillicothe.</i>	
Hanover	24 85	Richfield Springs	15 50	Belfast	2 00
Lonaconing	10 00	Shavertown	1 50	Concord	1 80
Mt Airy, Harmony	8 00	Springfield	10 50	Greenfield 1st	12 75
Taney Town	4 00		<hr/>	Hillsboro'	42 88
	<hr/>		97 75	Moureyto'n, French	3 00
499 04		<i>Presb. of St. Lawrence.</i>		Mt. Pleasant	7 50
<i>Presbytery of New Castle.</i>		Canton	15 89	Pisgah	10 00
Berlin, Buckingham	1 00	Chaumont	11 60	South Salem	3 34
Cool Spring	4 00	Gouverneur	36 30	Wilkesville	3 50
Delaware City	20 00	Heuvelton	5 00		<hr/>
Elkton	27 60	Morristown	3 31		86 77
Georgetown	4 00	Oswegatchie 1st	30 00	<i>Presb. of Cincinnati.</i>	
Glasgow, Pencader	5 88	Do 2d	11 00	Bethel	7 50
Green Hill and		Ox Bow	3 77	Cincinnati 1st	36 40
Rockland	5 00	Rossie	3 57	Do 5th	35 28
Lewes	6 00	Waddington	9 60	Do 7th	46 70
Lower Brandywine	8 15	Watertown 1st	106 59	Do Avon-	
Lower West Not-		Do Stone St,	30 00	dale	101 00
tingham	22 36	Personal	3 00	Do Central	137 20
Middletown Forest	11 00		<hr/>	Do Lincoln	
Milford	7 00		269 63	Park	5 00
Newark	10 00	<i>Presbytery of Syracuse.</i>		Do Mt. Au-	
New Castle	32 00	Camillus	11 00	burn	48 30
Port Penn	7 00	Collamer	12 00	Do Walnut	
Rock	10 00	Fayetteville	20 30	Hills	21 86
Whaleyville, Eden	10 67	Hannibal	20 00	Do 1st Ger.	10 00
Wilmingon, Han-		Jamesville	2 36	Cleves	5 18
over St	25 00	Jordan	6 00	College Hill	8 00
Zion	10 00	Marcellus	15 00	Glendale	30 00
	<hr/>			Goshen	9 00
226 66				Lebanon	22 00

Loveland	\$9 36	Poland	\$7 00	<i>Presbytery of Santa Fé.</i>	
Mason and Pisgah	5 00	Youngstown	46 52	Las Vegas	\$5 00
Morrow	3 20				
Pleasant Ridge	7 20		165 42	<i>Presbytery of Wyoming.</i>	
Pleasant Run	5 50	<i>Presby. of St. Clairsville.</i>		Evans	5 00
Sharonville	8 40	Bell Air	5 00	Evanston	15 00
Spridgale	13 00	Bealsville	7 30		
Williamsburg	3 06	Cadiz	26 00		20 00
	578 14	Cambridge	5 00	SYNOD OF COLUMBUS.	
<i>Presb. of Dayton.</i>		Crab Apple	10 00	<i>Presbytery of Athens.</i>	
Clifton	40 56	Elizabeth	7 50	Bashan	1 00
Dayton 1st	22 79	Little Rock	4 00	Decatur	9 00
Do 3d St	63 00	Morristown	18 21	Marietta	5 00
Do Memorial	7 50	Powhattan	4 10	Pomerooy	7 00
Fletcher	5 00	Rock Hill	6 90	Warren	7 00
Hamilton	34 47	Short Creek	7 00		
Middletown	15 00	St. Clairsville	25 00		29 00
Monroe	12 00	Washington	20 00		
New Jersey	16 85	Woodsfield	2 00	<i>Presbytery of Columbus.</i>	
Osborn	3 00			Bethel	4 00
Oxford	17 50	<i>Presbytery of Steubenville.</i>	148 01	Columbus 1st	45 25
Piqua 1st	13 00	Amsterdam	3 00	Do 2d	83 52
Do 2d	14 00	Beech Spring	15 00	Dublin	6 15
Troy	28 75	Bethlehem	6 00	London	5 00
	293 42	Buchanan Chapel	1 87	Mifflin	1 00
<i>Presb. of Portsmouth.</i>		Carrolton	9 25		144 92
Greenbrier, Ger	1 00	Centre	2 00	<i>Presbytery of Marion.</i>	
Ironton	20 00	Centre Unity	3 25	Brown	1 70
Jackson	8 56	Dennison	5 00	Iberia	5 00
Manchester	13 65	East Liverpool	12 00	Kingston	1 50
Portsmouth	83 00	Harlem	24 00	Liberty	6 00
Portsmouth, Ger	5 00	Ironton	10 55	Marysville	5 00
	131 24	Island Creek	15 00	Milford Centre	2 00
SYNOD OF CLEVELAND.		Kilgore	3 00	Mt. Gilead	18 00
<i>Presb of Cleveland.</i>		New Hagerstown	17 00	Richland	2 30
Bedford	2 00	New Harrisburgh	4 00	Trenton	6 00
Chester	5 00	Oak Ridge	6 45		
Cleveland, Euclid		Ridge	11 39		47 50
St	303 00	Salineville	4 89	<i>Presbytery of Wooster.</i>	
Do Memorial	15 00	Steubenville 2d	49 00	Apple Creek	18 69
Do Westminster	10 00	Two Ridges	32 35	Ashland	35 70
Collamer	28 75	Waynesburgh	14 00	Belleville	2 85
Northfield	6 00	Wellsville	20 00	Berlin	3 00
Streetsborough	13 20	Yellow Creek	25 75	Canal Fulton	10 05
Willoughby	2 00		294 74	Chester	2 65
	384 95	SYNOD OF COLORADO.		Clear Fork	3 00
<i>Presbytery of Mahoning.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Colorado.</i>		Congress	8 83
Canton	40 00	Central 1st	3 00	East Hopewell	22 00
Deerfield	15 00	Denver 1st (15th St)	30 40	Holmesville	7 25
Ellsworth	13 90	Golden	15 00	Jackson	9 50
Hubbard	4 00	Longmont	5 00	Lexington	1 00
Massillon	23 00		53 40	Nashville	12 00
Mineral Ridge	10 00	<i>Presbytery of Montana.</i>		Ontario	3 00
Pleasant Valley	6 00	Bozeman	5 00	Orange and Polk	10 00
		Hamilton	5 00	Perryville	9 00
			10 00	Shelby	7 40
				West Salem	2 48
				Wooster	46 00
					214 40

<i>Presbytery of Zanesville.</i>		Erie 1st	\$25 00	<i>Presbytery of Chemung.</i>	
Bakersville	\$22 00	Do Central	25 00	Burdett	\$7 00
Brownsville	6 00	Do Park	20 00	Elmira 2d	49 00
Coshocton	16 00	Fairview	18 55	Havana	4 50
Evan's Creek	4 00	Georgetown	20 00		
Fairmount	1 00	Girard	20 67		60 50
Fredericktown	14 14	Gravel Run	4 00		
Homer	2 00	Harbor Creek	12 00	<i>Presbytery of Geneva.</i>	
Jersey	10 00	Meadville 1st	25 00	Canoga	10 00
Linton	28 00	North East	19 00	Geneva 1st	55 39
Madison	13 00	Petroleum Centre	27 85	Gorham	11 00
Martinsburgh	5 60	Pleasantville	20 50	Ithaca	35 21
Mt. Zion	6 00	Tideoute	70 00	Manchester	3 00
New Lexington	2 15	Titusville	64 03	Newfield	3 75
Norwich and Con-		Union	4 90	Oak's Corner	6 00
cord	8 25		439 60	Penn Yan	24 57
Oakfield	1 00	<i>Presbytery of Kittanning</i>		Phelps	16 00
Pataskala	3 09	Apollo	21 85	Romulus	9 00
Putnam	63 25	Boiling Spring	9 00	Seneca	20 00
Roscoe	10 00	Centre	4 00		193 92
Salem, German	8 45	Cherry Run	3 80	<i>Presbytery of Lyons.</i>	
Unity	1 00	Concord	3 60	East Palmyra	20 00
Utica	20 09	Currie's Run	13 40	Lyons	4 27
West Carlisle and		Freeport	22 00	Newark	13 75
Jefferson	11 62	Glade Run	12 00		38 02
Zanesville 1st	12 35	Harmony	8 00	<i>Presbytery of Stuben.</i>	
Do 2d	25 86	Indiana	64 50	Campbell	20 34
Personal	2 75	Kittanning	25 00	Cohocton	2 00
	297 72	Lawrenceburg	10 00	Hornellsville	22 51
		Mahoning	6 00	Howard	8 00
<i>SYNOD OF ERIE.</i>		Plumville	2 00	Naples	4 50
<i>Presbytery of Allegheny.</i>		Rural Valley	6 34	Prattsburgh	15 00
Allegheny 1st Ger	2 54	Saltsburgh	37 05	Pultney	8 05
Concord	3 40	Smicksburgh	5 50		80 40
	5 54		254 04	<i>SYNOD OF HARRISBURGH.</i>	
<i>Presbytery of Butler.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Shenango.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Carlisle.</i>	
Concord	21 00	Mt Pleasant	8 00	Big Spring	42 48
Leesburgh	2 00	New Castle 1st	22 83	Carlisle 2d	33 22
North Butler	6 50	Sharpville	8 00	Chambersburg, Fall-	
Sunbury	6 75	West Middlesex	14 75	ing Spring	70 00
	36 25		53 58	Dauphin	8 00
<i>Presbytery of Clarion.</i>		<i>SYNOD OF GENEVA.</i>		Gettysburgh	22 84
Brookville	10 00	<i>Presbytery of Cayuga.</i>		Great Conewago &	
Callensburg	6 20	Auburn 1st	61 87	Lower Marsh Ck	13 00
Greenville	7 00	Do Calvary	5 45	Green Castle	35 00
New Rehoboth	7 00	Do Central	40 20	Harrisburg, Pine St	95 91
Oak Grove	4 00	Aurora	29 20	Do 7th St	33 27
Perry	8 00	Cayuga	10 00	Landisburgh and	
Perryville	1 00	Dryden	18 50	Centre	5 62
	43 20	Genoa 1st	17 00	Lower Path Valley	
<i>Presbytery of Erie.</i>		Port Byron	9 00	& Burnt Cabins	16 00
Cambridge	50 00	Scipioville	4 00	McConnellsburgh,	
Corry	10 00	Sennett	12 40	Green Hill and	
East Greene	4 00	Springport	9 50	Wells Valley	6 00
		Victory	14 00	Mechanicsburgh	25 00
			231 12	Middle Spring	20 00

Newport	\$11 50	<i>Presbytery of Wellsboro.</i>	SYNOD OF ILLINOIS NORTH.		
Petersburgh	3 00		<i>Presbytery of Chicago.</i>		
Shippensburg	17 65	Coudersport	\$5 00		
Upper Path Valley	20 00	Elkland	3 00		
	478 49		8 00		
<i>Presb. of Huntingdon.</i>		SYNOD ILLINOIS CENTRAL.			
Alexandria	23 10	<i>Presb of Bloomington.</i>	Englewood	10 00	
Altoona 1st	38 55	Atlanta	2 20	Kaukahee	9 46
Do 2d	58 00	Buckley	2 00	Lake Forest	25 00
Bald Eagle	4 00	Champaign	24 60	Manteno	14 82
Bedford	2 89	Chenoa	6 00	Sté Anne, 2d	7 55
Bellefonte	25 00	Dauville	35 30		92 93
Bethel	7 00	Fairbury	3 50	<i>Presbytery of Freeport.</i>	
Birmingham	43 28	Farmer City	5 00	Freeport 1st	10 25
Clearfield	27 21	Gilman	4 00	Freeport, 3d Ger	6 00
Curwensville	5 00	Jersey	6 50	Galena, South	23 82
East Freedom and		Normal	11 97	Galena, German	2 47
Martinsburgh	24 00	Paxton	2 00	Marengo	6 00
Huntingdon	76 50	Piper City	6 00	Middle Creek	7 50
Kylertown	2 00	Salem	1 00	Oregon	4 00
Little Valley	12 00	Springvale	50	Ridotte	5 00
Logan's Valley	10 50	Waynesville	2 00	Rockford, Westmin-	
Lower Spruce C'k	30 00		112 57	ster	15 00
Lower Tuscarora	36 35	<i>Presbytery of Peoria.</i>		Warren	5 00
Mifflintown and		Brunswick	3 00		85 04
Lost Creek	96 66	Canton	7 00	<i>Presbytery of Ottawa.</i>	
Milesburgh	27 50	Elmwood	3 00	Plato 1st	2 12
Milroy	5 00	Eureka	4 80	Streator	4 70
Moshannon and		Ipava	14 00	Troy Grove	2 10
Snow Shoe	17 50	John Knox	3 85		8 92
Perrysville	26 77	Knoxville	14 85	<i>Presbytery of Rock River.</i>	
Peru	6 00	Lewistown	196 34	Aledo	8 00
Phillipsburgh	2 50	Princeville	12 50	Andover	2 50
Saxton	6 50	Prospect Central	13 60	Beulah	3 25
Sinking & Spring		Salem	6 00	Calvary	2 60
Creeks	30 00	Washington	9 50	Centre	2 25
Sinking Valley	36 05	Yates City	9 00	Edgington	6 00
Spruce Creek	54 87		297 44	Edwards	3 00
Upper Tuscarora	14 45	<i>Presbytery of Schuyler.</i>		Garden Plains	2 40
Williamsburgh	20 00	Bardolph	2 00	New Boston	2 00
Woodlaud	1 25	Bushnell	6 00	North Henderson	13 85
Yellow Creek	6 00	Camp Creek	8 25	Oscoe and Munson	4 75
	776 43	Clayton	5 00	Peniel	14 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland.</i>		Doddsville	7 00	Princeton	15 73
Bloomsburgh 1st	27 67	Horeb	3 00	Viola	3 50
Buffalo	16 57	Macomb	11 50	Woodhull	16 50
Grove	10 00	Mt Sterling 1st	10 00		100 33
Hartleton	5 00	Plymouth	6 00	SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, SOUTH.	
Lock Haven 2d	4 00	Quincy 1st	17 65	<i>Presbytery of Alton.</i>	
Mahoning	23 33		76 40	Alton	24 20
Mifflinsburgh	4 75	<i>Presbytery of Springfield.</i>		Brighton	4 70
Milton	30 00	North Sangamon	8 00	Butler	7 05
New Berlin	6 85	Springfield 1st	116 16	Carlyle	4 50
Shamokin 1st	15 00		124 16		
St Mary's	10 00				
Sunbury	30 70				
Washington	17 85				
	201 72				



Greenfield	\$9 01	Pleasant Ridge	\$13 93	<i>Presb. of White Water.</i>	
Lebanon	10 00	Roanoke	3 30	Knightstown	\$6 00
Walnut Grove	1 50	Warsaw	3 25	Liberty	3 00
Waveland	4 00			New Castle	4 25
			120 21	Rising Sun	7 00
64 96		<i>Presbytery of Logansport</i>		Shelbyville, Ger	8 00
<i>Presbytery of Cairo.</i>		Bethel	69 85		28 25
Cairo	12 00	Logansport 1st	12 30	SYNOD OF IOWA, NORTH.	
Enfield	10 00	Michigan City	12 23	<i>Presb. of Cedar Rapids.</i>	
Fairfield	6 00	Plymouth	5 00	Andrew	1 45
Flora	3 10	Rochester	1 00	Bellevue	4 55
Kimmundy	5 00			Blairstown	4 00
Larkinsburgh	1 00		100 38	Cedar Rapids 2d	5 00
Metropolis	2 00	<i>Presbytery of Muncie.</i>		Central	1 80
Pisgah	12 00	Centre Grove	3 00	Clarenee	6 70
Richland	1 00	Hopewell	3 00	Clinton	18 68
Richview	10 00	Noblesville	6 50	Farmer's Creek	2 05
Salem	3 00	Union City	5 00	Mechanicsville	5 00
Tamaroa	10 75			Mount Vernon	5 00
			17 50	Wayne	1 00
75 85				Wheatland	5 00
<i>Presbytery of Mattoon.</i>		SYNOD OF INDIANA, SOUTH.			
Altamont	3 00	<i>Presb. of Indianapolis.</i>			60 23
Assumption	2 50	Bethany	11 00	<i>Presbytery of Dubuque.</i>	
Casey	1 00	Greenwood	5 00	Bethel	3 65
Charleston	10 00	Hopewell	22 00	Centretown, Ger.	2 00
Dalton	1 00	Indianapolis 1st	24 62	Epworth	1 00
Dudley	4 50	Do 3d	32 02	Farley	5 55
Grandview	2 00	Do 7th	4 00	Hopkinton	8 00
Greenup	1 00	Shiloh	1 60	Independence 1st	8 36
Pleasant Prairie	3 00	Southport	6 70	Lansing	25 00
Shelbyville	13 00	Union	7 05	Lime Springs	2 50
Taylorville	8 50			McGregor, Ger	3 00
Tuscola 1st	5 00		113 99	Manchester	10 00
Watson	4 50	<i>Presb. of New Albany.</i>		Mount Hope	15 00
59 00		Charlestown	15 00	Peosta	2 00
SYNOD OF INDIANA NORTH.		Hanover	8 00	Pleasant Grove	2 00
<i>Presby. of Crawfordsville.</i>		Jackson Co	3 00	Sherrill's Mound,	
Bethany	12 00	Jefferson	2 00	German	3 00
Crawfordsville 1st	4 00	Jeffersonville	30 00	Waukon, German	5 00
Dayton	7 00	Livonia	4 70	Winthrop	6 00
Frankfort	20 57	Madison 1st	10 00		102 06
Lafayette 1st	5 00	Oak Grove	7 00	<i>Presb. of Fort Dodge.</i>	
Lexington	9 00	Orleans and Paoli	3 00	Cherokee	4 50
Oxford	1 00	Pleasant Township	2 00	Fort Dodge	1 70
State Line	15 00	Salem	5 25	Jefferson	2 00
Sugar Creek	3 30		89 95	Sae City	2 00
Thorntown	5 00	<i>Presbytery of Vincennes.</i>		Sioux City	8 00
West Point	6 00	Bethany	3 50	Spirit Lake	3 75
		Evansville, Vine st	24 75		21 95
<i>Presb. of Fort Wayne.</i>		Poland	4 50	<i>Presbytery of Waterloo.</i>	
Bluffton	10 73	Princeton	5 00	Cedar Falls	4 00
Fort Wayne 1st	57 00	Saline	4 00	Nevada	1 58
Huntingdon	5 00	Terre Haute 1st	5 00	Rock Creek	2 00
Kendallville	15 45	Upper Indiana	7 00	State Centre	25 00
Lima	7 50	Personal	10 00	Union	1 07
New Lancaster	1 00				
Pierceton	3 00		63 75		33 65

## SYNOD OF IOWA, SOUTH.

<i>Presb. of Council Bluffs.</i>	
College Springs	\$1 20
Corning	15 70
Council Bluffs	11 00
Fairview	2 60
Guthrie	5 00
Hamburg	30 50
Pleasant Ridge	1 35
Shenandoah	3 45
Sidney	4 12

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*Presb. of Des Moines.*

Albia	5 00
Corydon	2 00
Chariton	5 00
Des Moines 1st	5 00
Des Moines Central	23 70
Dexter	5 00
Garden Grove	25 00
Indianola	5 00
Osceola	4 00
St. Charles and Medora	5 00
Winterset	24 00
Woodburn & Russell	4 00

112 70

*Presbytery of Iowa.*

Bloomfield	4 00
Kirkville	12 00
Oakland	2 40
Ottumwa	7 90
Pleasant Plain	2 00
Salina	2 00
Shunam	4 15
St. Peter's, Evangelical	5 50
Summit	1 05
Troy	2 85
Winfield	4 27

48 12

*Presbytery of Iowa City.*

Blue Grass	4 10
Brooklyn	5 25
Columbus City	1 00
Crawfordsville	2 00
Iowa City	10 00
Muscatine	10 00
Muscatine, German	2 00
Oxford	1 00
Red Oak	4 00
Solon	7 00
Summit	10 00
Tipton	6 35
Unity	1 00
West Liberty	2 00

65 70

*Presby. of Nebraska City.*

Beatrice	\$1 00
Ebenezer	13 00
Nebraska City	19 00
Pawnee City	2 10
Platsmouth	11 05
Seward	2 00
Simeon	50
Tecumseh	1 00
Ulysses	1 00

50 65

*Presbytery of Omaha.*

Belle Creek	2 50
Blackbird Hills	2 00
Elk Valley	1 00

5 50

## SYNOD OF KANSAS.

*Presbytery of Austin.*

Austin 1st	18 00
Galveston Mission	8 00

26 00

*Presbytery of Emporia.*

Eldorado	3 05
Emporia	6 62
Eureka, Westmins'r	9 50
Lyndon	1 00
Osage City	1 00
Peabody	3 00
Sharon	2 00

26 17

*Presbytery of Highland.*

Atchison	5 00
Fraukfort	4 00
Hiawatha	2 00
Irving	2 00
Neutchatel	10 00
Vermillion	4 00

27 00

*Presbytery of Neosho.*

Baxter Springs	7 15
Geneva	1 79
Iola	3 55
Neosho Falls	1 00
New Chicago	1 50
Osage Mission	2 00

16 99

*Presbytery of Topeka.*

De Soto	20 00
Lawrence	24 40
Leavenworth 1st	37 00
Olathe	3 00
Wamego	10 00

94 40

## SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

*Presbytery of Ebenezer.*

Ashland	\$22 34
Burlington	20 00
Carlisle	5 50
Concord	1 25
Crittenden	16 75
Flemingsburgh	9 50
Hopewell	9 00
Lexington 2d	70 00
May'sville 1st	18 75
Moorefield	10 75
Paris	12 50
Sharpsburgh	17 95
Washington	5 00

219 29

*Presbytery of Louisville.*

Bowling Green	11 00
Cloverport	4 50
Hopkinsville	5 00
New Castle	8 85
Olivet	2 50
Owensboro 1st	16 55
Pewee Valley	6 60
Pisgah	11 75
Plum Creek	4 00
Shelbyville 1st	5 50
Personal	11 00

87 25

*Presb. of Transylvania.*

Bethel	2 00
Bethel Union	34 00
Bradfordville	6 00
Caldwell	5 00
Danville 1st	50 00
Ebenezer	13 00
Harrodsburgh	37 50
Kirkwood	24 00
Lancaster	45 00
Lebanon	56 40
New Providence	17 50
Paiut Lick	26 00
Perryville	16 50
Richmond	18 25
Springfield	51 00

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## SYNOD OF LONG ISLAND.

*Presbytery of Brooklyn.*

Brooklyn 1st, Henry St	49 72
Brooklyn, Franklin Avenue	15 00
Brooklyn, La Fayette Avenue	100 00
Brooklyn, Lawrence Street,	2 00

Brooklyn, S. 3d St	83 18	<i>Presbytery of Monroe.</i>	Winona	6 75	
Brooklyn, Throop Avenue	75 47	Adrian	\$20 00	Winona, German	3 00
Edgewater 1st	59 40	Blissfield	6 41		44 58
		Deerfield	1 00		
	384 77	Monroe	14 00	<i>SYNOD OF MISSOURI.</i>	
<i>Presb. of Long Island.</i>		Palmyra	3 04	<i>Presbytery of Osage.</i>	
Cutchogue	5 00	Petersburg	1 00		
East Hampton	37 96	Quincy	2 00	Clinton	5 95
Middletown	5 98	Tecumseh	23 47	Concord	2 15
Port Jefferson	4 26		70 92	Greenwood	2 00
Shelter Island	5 00	<i>Presbytery of Saginaw.</i>		Knob Noster	2 00
Southampton	76 22	Byron	2 00	Lexington	7 00
Southhold	14 00	East Saginaw	15 00	New Frankford, Ger	1 00
	148 42	Flint	30 11	Pleasant Hill	5 00
<i>Presbytery of Nassau.</i>		South Saginaw	10 00	Sugar Creek	1 00
Huntingdon 1st	27 32	Wenona	4 04	Tipton	5 00
Islip	8 40		61 15		31 10
Jamaica	34 75	<i>SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Ozark.</i>	
Melville	5 27	<i>Presbytery of Mankato.</i>		Springfield	45 00
Newtown	42 50	Blue Earth City	3 00	Springfield, Calvary	2 50
Oyster Bay	75 00	Jackson	15 00		47 50
Roslyn	5 00	Le Sueur	3 50	<i>Presbytery of Palmyra.</i>	
St Paul's	2 00	Redwood Falls	2 00	Brookfield 1st	1 00
Springfield	20 00	Saratoga	2 00	Edina	9 00
Smithtown	4 98	St. James	85	Grantsville	2 35
Woodhaven	5 00	St. Peter's, Union	4 00	Greensburg	50
	230 22	South Bend	1 20	La Clede	1 65
<i>SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.</i>			31 55	La Grange	3 95
<i>Presbytery of Detroit.</i>		<i>Presb. of St. Paul.</i>		Memphis	1 80
Brighton	7 05	Duluth	9 65	Moberly	3 00
Detroit 1st	89 17	Dundas	6 00	New Cambria	2 00
Do. Fort St	133 79	Fergus Falls	4 50	West Ely	5 00
Plainfield	3 71	Forest	6 00		30 25
Plymouth 1st	9 30	Jordon	46	<i>Presb. of Platte.</i>	
Unadilla	2 56	Minneapolis, An-		Chillicothe	12 00
	245 58	drew	11 45	Mound City	1 25
<i>Presb. of Grand Rapids.</i>		Minneapolis, West-		Weston	26 95
East Bay	3 00	minster	90 00		40 20
Grand Haven	8 50	Oak Grove	17 00	<i>Presb. of Potosi.</i>	
		St. Croix Falls	1 00	Iron-ton 1st	5 35
Ionia	24 02	St. Paul 1st	6 73		
Muir	5 00	" House of		<i>Presbytery of St. Louis.</i>	
Portland	4 25	Hope	20 00	Bethel	\$7 00
	44 77	Taylor's Falls	2 00	Carondelet	36 85
<i>Presb. of Kalamazoo.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Winona.</i>		Kirkwood	23 70
Buchanan	2 00	Albert Lea	12 83	Nazareth	3 00
		Filmore	2 00	Salem	5 00
<i>Presbytery of Lansing.</i>		Fremont	5 00	St. Louis, Chouteau	
Brooklyn	6 00	Lake City	5 00	Avenue	20 00
Marshall	24 75	Oronoco	3 00	St. Louis, 1st Ger	5 50
Stockbridge	2 03	Richland	3 00	Webster Groves	17 80
		Rolling Stone	2 00		118 85
	32 78	Rushford	2 00		

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.		Perrineville	\$ 2 25	Titusville	\$6 05
<i>Presb. of Elizabeth.</i>		Plattsburgh	15 25	Trenton, 1st	150 00
Basking Ridge	\$61 00	Plum	4 00	Trenton, 2d	20 00
Cranford	10 85	Red Bank	15 00	Trenton, 3d	129 80
Elizabeth, 1st	152 55	Squan Village	79 00	Trenton, 4th	58 68
Elizabeth, 2d	120 94	Tennent	20 00	Personal	5 00
Elizabeth, 3d	150 00	Tom's River	5 00		
Elizabeth, West-					731 30
minster	165 00		414 34	<i>Presbytery of Newton.</i>	
Elizabethport	5 00	<i>Pb'y Morris and Orange.</i>		Andoyer	5 00
Lamington	7 00	Boonton	13 00	Asbury	3 00
Metuchen, 1st	6 50	Chatham	35 00	Belvidere, 1st	35 00
Perth Amboy	13 00	Chester	5 02	Belvidere, 2d	12 00
Plainfield, 2d	58 00	Dover	10 00	Bloomsbury	12 00
Rahway, 1st	22 50	Flanders	13 80	Branchville	7 00
Rahway, 2d	40 00	German Valley	5 00	Greenwich	21 83
Springfield	11 00	Lower Valley	7 25	Hackettstown	68 80
Summit Central	1 94	Maitson	48 54	Harmony	17 50
Woodbridge	15 00	Mendham, 1st	5 00	Knowlton	1 02
		Mendham, 2d	17 00	La Fayette	5 00
	840 28	Morristown, 1st	235 10	Marksboro	3 00
<i>Presb. of Jersey City.</i>		Morristown, South		Montana	9 00
Englewood	120 40	Street	17 12	Musconetcong Val	26 00
Hackensack	12 00	Mount Olive	19 00	Newton	69 00
Hoboken, 1st	30 00	New Vernon	18 00	North Hardistown	25 00
Hoboken, West	50 00	Orange, 1st	266 00	Sparta	9 50
Jersey City, 2d	30 00	Orange, 2d	70 00	Stewartsville	20 00
Jersey City, 3d	2 00	Orange, Central	66 00	Stillwater	4 00
Jersey City, 1st Ber-		Parsippany	30 45	Swartswood	1 00
gen	29 51	Pleasant Grove	9 30		
Jersey City, Pros-		South Orange	70 00		354 65
pect Av	12 46	Succasunna	20 00	<i>Presb. of West Jersey.</i>	
Norwood	9 19	Whippany	5 00	Absecon	1 00
Passaic	4 50		1035 58	Atco	10 00
Paterson, 1st	56 62	<i>Presbytery of Newark.</i>		Berlin	10 00
Paterson 2d	17 08	Caldwell	41 00	Blackwoodtown	25 00
Paterson, 3d	3 00	Montclair	80 40	Bridgeton, 1st	80 00
Rutherford Park	5 00	Newark, 1st	94 50	Bridgeton, 2d	15 72
Tenafly	14 00	Newark, 2d	98 69	Bridgeton, West	26 29
Union 1st	1 00	Newark, 3d	38 40	Camden, 1st	20 00
Weehawken	3 03	Newark, Central	38 50	Camden, 2d	20 00
		Newark, Roseville	103 50	Cape Island	5 00
	399 79	Newark, S. Park	73 00	Fairfield	17 00
<i>Presb. of Monmouth.</i>		Woodside	6 30	Fislerville	20 00
Allentown	30 00			Greenwich	46 61
Bordentown	13 50		574 29	May's Landing	1 00
Bricksburgh	6 00	<i>Pres. of New Brunswick.</i>		Merchantville	13 50
Columbus	9 32	Amwell, 1st	11 00	Millville	3 52
Cranberry, 2d	13 58	Amwell United, 1st	10 00	Pittsgrove	20 00
Dayton	2 00	Bound Brook	25 14	Salem	55 00
Delanco	2 00	Dutch Neck	15 00	Vineland	8 50
Fairview	1 00	Ewing	23 70	Wenonah	25 00
Farmingdale	15 00	Flemington	73 40		423 14
Freehold, 1s	30 95	Frenchtown	12 00	SYNOD OF NEW YORK.	
Hightstown	25 00	Hamilton Square	6 40	<i>Presbytery of Boston.</i>	
Holmanville	4 00	Lambertville	22 64	Londonderry	16 50
Jacksonville	25 00	Lawrenceville	42 20	Newburyport, 1st	43 25
Manalapan	42 57	New Brunswick 1st	40 00	Reading	20 00
Manchester	1 50	Pennington	70 00		
Matawan	21 36	Princeton, 2d	10 29		79 75
Mount Holly	31 06				



<i>Presbytery of Hudson.</i>		South Greenburgh	35 06	Downingtown, Cen.	13 00
Amity	\$7 00	South Salem	26 00	Fagg's Manor	17 00
Centreville	5 00	Thompsonville	5 00	Great Valley	20 00
Circleville	9 00	West Farms	5 00	Kennett Square	3 00
Clarkstown, Ger	1 00	White Plains	3 00	Oxford	57 50
Florida, 1st	68 20	Yonkers 1st	104 50	Penningtonville	3 00
Florida, 2d	14 50	Yorktown	15 00	Phoenixville	8 00
Goshen	29 16		468 94	Upper Octorara	12 00
Mount Hope	10 00			Wayne	10 00
Scotchtown	8 50			Waynesburgh	18 00
				West Chester	27 25
		SYNOD OF PACIFIC.			
		<i>Presbytery of Benicia.</i>			
	152 36	Bolinas	11 30		255 61
<i>Presbytery of New York.</i>		Healdsburg	6 30	<i>Presb. of Lackawanna.</i>	
Harlem, 1st	17 26	Napa	16 00	Canton	7 00
Manhattanville	17 10	Santa Rosa	34 05	Carbondale	36 00
New York, Brick	225 55	Tomas	3 55	Columbia & Roads	1 00
N. York, Church		Vallejo	32 00	Dunmore	5 00
of the Covenant	335 00		103 20	Laporte	27 50
N. York, Madison		<i>Presbytery of Los Angeles.</i>		Langcliff	11 00
Square	285 59	Santa Barbara	24 75	Mehoopany Creek	6 00
N. York, Madison		Wilmington, Cal-		McIntyre	32 75
St. German	5 00	vary	60	Newton	5 00
N. York, Scotch	100 00			Orwell	5 50
N. York, 13th St	63 30			Pittston	15 00
N. York, Univer-				Plains	1 00
sity Place	668 76		25 35	Providence	5 00
New York, 1st	3,515 78	<i>Presbytery of Oregon.</i>		Rushville	1 00
N. York, 5th Av		Albany	6 00	Stevensville	5 63
and 19th St	2,429 35	Jackson County	17 00	Sullivan	4 00
	7,662 69	Pleasant Grove	4 00	Towanda	135 30
<i>Presby. of North River.</i>		Portland	40 00	Troy	12 95
Bethlehem	26 00	Port Townsend	3 00	Wells & Columbia	10 00
Cold Spring	5 00		70 00	Wilkesbarre	199 54
Cornwall	10 34	<i>Presbytery of Sacramento.</i>		Wyalusing, 1st	4 00
Kingston	7 50	Ione	4 50	Wysox	12 00
Malden	20 00	Placerville	4 00		
Marlborough	23 30				542 17
Middle Hope	8 00		8 50	<i>Presbytery of Lehigh.</i>	
Newburgh, 1st	69 00	<i>Presb. of San Francisco.</i>		Catasauqua, 1st	31 70
Newburgh, Cal-		San Francisco,		Easton, 1st	27 72
vary	16 37	Emanuel	12 00	Hazleton	30 00
New Hamburg	20 00	Westminster	55	Hokendauqua	9 00
Pine Plains	8 87		12 55	Mahanoy City	13 00
Pleasant Plain	9 21	<i>Presbytery of San José.</i>		Middle Smithfield	5 00
Smithfield	10 00	Anaheim	1 45	Mountain	5 00
Personal	25	Alvarado	1 85	Port Carbon	10 00
	233 84	Centreville	1 00	Pottsville, 1st	20 00
<i>Presby. of West Chester.</i>		Milpitas Township	1 00	Pottsville, 2d	5 00
Bridgeport	52 80	San José	10 00	Reading, 1st	50 00
Darien	12 00		15 30	South Bethlehem	2 00
Gilead	29 40	SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.		Stroudsburg	10 41
Hartford 1st	40 00	<i>Presbytery of Chester.</i>		Summit Hill	15 00
Mount Kisco	8 76	Chester, 1st	25 00	Tamaqua	20 00
New Rochelle	10 00	Coatesville	27 00		253 83
North Salem	5 00	Darby, 1st	10 50	<i>Presb. of Philadelphia.</i>	
Pack-kill 1st	40 42	Doe Run	4 36	Phila., 1st	450 60
Poundridge	10 00			Phila., 2d	53 36
Sing Sing	60 00			Phila., 3d	244 66
South East	7 00			Phila., 4th	50 00
				Phila., 9th	51 50



Phila., 10th	\$279 94	Manayunk	\$10 00	Pleasant Unity	\$10 00
Phila., Calvary	306 40	Morrisville	5 00	Rehoboth	14 70
Phila., Clinton St	47 03	Neshaminy, War-		Tent	22 50
Phila., Mariner's	50 00	wick	9 00	Uniontown	20 00
Phila., South	49 05	Newtown	29 58		
Phila., Southwark		Norristown 1st	45 00		
1st	20 00	Norristown 2d	15 00		188 54
Phila., Tabernacle	130 59	Norristown, Centr'l	25 00	<i>Presb. of Washington.</i>	
Phila., Westmin-		Norriton & Provi-		Claysville	10 00
ster	25 00	dence	12 50	Cove	6 00
Phila., Woodland	60 64	Plumsteadville	2 00	East Buffalo	13 10
Phila., Walnut St	106 66			Fairview	13 45
Phila., W. Spruce			700 60	Forks of Wheeling	30 00
Street	345 74	<i>Presb. of Westminister.</i>		Lower Ten Mile	9 30
Phila., Wharton St	23 28	Bellevue	13 00	Mount Prospect	10 00
	2,294 36	Chanceford	17 00	New Cumberland	32 00
<i>Presb. Philad'a Central.</i>		Christ Chapel	80 00	Pigeon Creek	14 00
Phila., Bethesda	72 41	Lancaster	33 41	Three Springs	4 00
Phila., Cohocksink	51 79	Marietta	18 00	Upper Buffalo	19 00
Phila., Columbia		Middle Octorara	11 27	Upper Ten Mile	31 00
Avenue	6 00	Monegan	5 00	Washington 1st	84 61
Phila., Green Hill	66 00	Mount Joy	18 50	Washington 2d	11 00
Phila., Kensington	42 00	Pequea	13 75	Waynesburgh	8 25
Phila., " 1st	53 50	Slate Ridge	12 00	Wheeling 1st	81 35
Phila., North	106 00	Slateville	19 00		
Phila., N. Broad St	133 82	Stewartstown and			377 06
Phila., N. 10th St	17 86	Centre	7 00	<i>Presb. of West Virginia.</i>	
Phila., 1st North'n		Strasburgh	12 15	Hughes River	5 00
Liberties	25 00	York	99 49	Pleasant Flats	4 05
Phila., Princeton	48 00		359 57	Point Pleasant	1 22
Phila., Sp'ng Gar-		<i>Presb. of West Africa.</i>		Ravenswood	6 00
den	112 16	Clay Ashland	3 50	Upper Flats	2 18
Phila., West Arch					18 45
Street	58 80	SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.		SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.	
Phila., Immanuel	25 00	<i>Presbytery of Blairsville.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Holston.</i>	
Hestonville	5 00	Congruity	5 00	Oakland	4 10
Mantua 1st	5 00	Latrobe	30 53	<i>Presbytery of Kingston.</i>	
Mantua 2d	10 50	Livermore	7 00	Baker's Creek	1 00
Tioga St	25 00	New Alexandria	20 00	Bethel	14 15
Personal	20 06	Poke Run	19 51	Chattanooga, 2d	34 50
	882 84	Unity	24 25	Cloyd's Creek	10 00
<i>Presb. of Philad'a North.</i>			106 31	Eusebia	85
Abington	40 50	<i>Presbytery of Pittsburgh.</i>		Mount Tabor	2 00
Bensalem & New-		Bethany	25 00	New Providence	16 00
port	5 00	Centre	18 00	Rockford	2 25
Bridesburg	20 00	Chartiers	9 10		
Bristol	13 30	Miller's Run	11 00		80 75
Carversville	1 25	Monongahela City	40 30	<i>Presb. of New Orleans.</i>	
Chestnut Hill	100 00	Pittsburgh 1st	150 00	New Orleans,	
Doylestown and		Pittsburgh 3d	218 11	1st German	10 00
Deep Run	14 83	Raccoon	18 00		
Falls of Schuylkill	20 00			<i>Presbytery of Union.</i>	
Frankford	50 00		489 51	Hopewell	3 10
Germantown 1st	141 00	<i>Presbytery of Redstone.</i>		New Prospect	1 00
Germantown 2d	69 92	Connellsville	79 34	Shiloh	3 00
Germantown, Mar-		Fairchance	22 50	Spring Place	3 25
ket Square	50 00	Fayette City	7 20	Westminster	2 15
Holmesburgh	11 22	Jefferson	1 00		
Huntingdon Valley	6 00	Little Redstone	11 30		12 50
Jeffersonville	5 00				

SYNOD OF TOLEDO.		Fredonia		\$25 56	SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.	
<i>Presb. of Bellefontaine.</i>		Lancaster		20 00	<i>Presbytery of Chippewa.</i>	
Belle Centre	\$3 00	Panama		5 00	Chippewa Falls	\$2 84
Crestline	10 00	Ripley 1st		10 00	Hixton	3 00
De Graff	7 64	Silver Creek		7 21	Hudson, 1st	5 00
Huntsville	2 60	West Aurora		6 00	La Crosse, 1st	8 30
Kenton	10 02	Westfield		50 00	La Crosse, North	1 45
Patterson	25 00			348 00	Neshannoc	5 50
Spring Hills	14 20	<i>Presbytery of Genesee.</i>			Prescott, 1st	1 00
West Liberty	8 07	Attica		12 46		
Wyandotte	2 00	Batavia		46 89		27 09
	82 53	Elba		13 50	<i>Presb. of Lake Superior.</i>	
<i>Presbytery of Huron.</i>		Le Roy		22 43	Oconto	10 10
Bloomville	50 96	North Bergen		12 00	Sault Ste Marie	4 00
Clyde	3 00	Oakfield		5 00	Superior	2 00
Florence	3 00	Perry		6 42		
Fremont	11 95	Pike		9 50		16 10
Huron	15 86	Warsaw		20 00	<i>Presbytery of Milwaukee.</i>	
Lynn	25 00	Wyoming		12 59	Barton	2 15
Melmore	3 30			160 70	Beloit, 1st	36 45
Milan	30 77	<i>Presb. of Genesee Valley.</i>			Bethany	8 00
Monroeville	6 00	Cuba		10 00	Cambridge & Oak-	
Olena	11 00	Ellicottsville		3 47	land	5 00
Peru	7 50	Bushtord		3 00	Cato	3 25
Sandusky	17 50			16 47	Jefferson	2 75
	185 84	<i>Presbytery of Niagara.</i>			Lima	73 00
<i>Presbytery of Lima.</i>		Albion		39 12	Manitowoc, 1st	80 00
Findlay, 1st	37 65	Carlton		12 65	Oostburgh	9 12
Sidney, 1st	15 62	Holley		10 00	Pike Grove	4 75
Turtle Creek	2 14	Knowlesville		3 00	Richfield, Ger	3 00
	55 41	Niagara Falls		25 00	Waukesha	10 30
<i>Presbytery of Maumee.</i>		Pendleton and			West Granville	4 00
Antwerp	6 00	Wheatfield		5 00		241 77
Bryan	11 00	Westport		2 44	<i>Presb. of Winnebago.</i>	
Delta	5 00			97 21	Horicon	7 40
Hicksville	14 50	<i>Presb. of Rochester.</i>			Keshena	5 00
Toledo 1st	7 00	Brighton		9 23	Oshkosh	3 60
Toledo, 1st German	3 00	Brockport		63 70	St. Sauveur	5 00
West Bethesda	5 00	Charlotte		16 00		21 00
West Unity	1 00	Geneseo, 1st		35 72	<i>Presb. of Wisconsin River.</i>	
	52 50	Geneseo, Central		30 00	Belleville	45
SYNOD OF WESTERN NEW YORK.		Groveland		13 00	Dayton	45
<i>Presbytery of Buffalo.</i>		Lima		36 10	Fancy Creek	6 31
Alden	10 25	Moscow		5 25	Highland	4 00
Buffalo, Brecken-		Rochester, 1st		64 09	Hurricane	1 10
ridge St	11 00	Rochester, 3d		41 10	Liberty	2 09
Buffalo, Calvary	34 00	Rochester, Calvary		3 00	Lodi	12 07
Buffalo, Central	34 45	Rochester, Mem'l		7 00	Lowville	50
Buffalo, La Fayette		Roch'r, St. Peter's		23 25	Platteville	2 20
Street	31 55	Sparta, 1st		5 00	Poynette	1 50
Buffalo North	80 98	Sparta, 2d		5 00	Pulaski	5 00
Clarence	5 00	Springwater		5 00	Richland Centre	3 60
East Aurora	14 00	Tuscarora & Union			Rockville	3 00
East Hamburg	3 00	Corners		7 00		
				369 44		42 18
<i>Total from Churches (including \$5,726 19 from the Committee on</i>					<i>Benevolence and Finance).</i>	
					\$41,952 26	
LEGACIES					2,016 15	
MISCELLANEOUS					3,830 07	